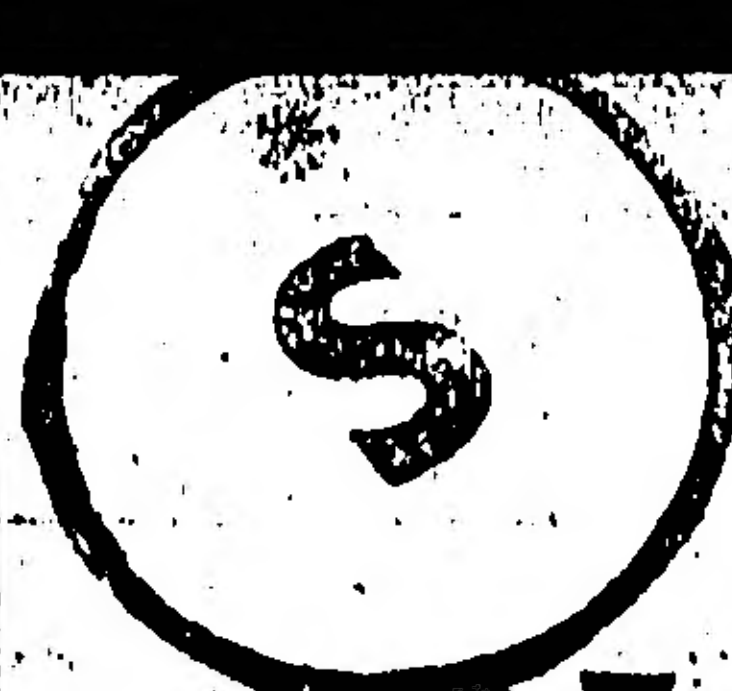
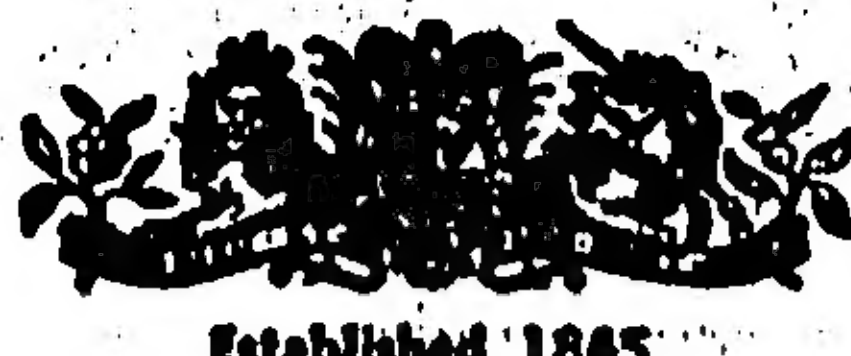


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**The Suez Canal
Conference**

Mr Selwyn Lloyd broke no new ground in his broadcast last night on the Suez Canal dispute. Nevertheless the speech can be welcomed as a firm re-statement of Britain's position and her determination not to allow control of the canal to fall into the hands of a dictator.

The tone of the Foreign Secretary's broadcast should help to create a desirable atmosphere for the opening of the London conference. Mr Lloyd made it clear that it was the intention of the Big Three to explore every peaceful means of finding a solution to the canal dispute and that they had concrete proposals to put before the conference to that end.

Envisaged is an international authority that will take over control of the canal, ensure its efficient functioning as a free, open and secure international waterway, and see that Egypt receives an equitable return from the annual profits. How any nation, whether it makes use of the canal or not, can object to such an arrangement is difficult to understand.

MOREOVER Mr Lloyd indicated that Britain was prepared to agree to a further safeguard in the interests of all parties by the provision of a link between the new canal authority and the United Nations. What form that would take has yet to be disclosed, but it might involve the inclusion of a United Nations official on the new administrative board who would be in a position to make regular reports to UNO on the manner the Authority was functioning, alternatively the Authority could undertake to submit to the United Nations full and regular reports on its activities.

Internationalising of the Suez Canal cannot be regarded as an infringement of Egyptian sovereignty. As Mr Selwyn Lloyd has emphasised, the idea that merely because the canal passes through Egyptian territory, its control by an international authority would infringe the country's sovereignty bears no relation to accepted modern ideas of what sovereignty really is. Furthermore, the present Big Three proposal is not a new one. It was seriously suggested to Russia ten years ago, and let it be observed, the Soviets agreed in principle with the idea.

THIS is something Mr Shepilov, the Russian Foreign Minister would do well to remember when he advances his views at the London conference. Egypt's internal affairs and her administration have changed over the years, but not so the canal whose prime purpose is to provide an open waterway for the shipping of the world. Mr Shepilov will be guilty of bad faith if he now attempts to repudiate a principle long ago accepted by the Russian government.

Perhaps the most encouraging prospect for the London conference is that it is being held after tempers have cooled off. All delegates, whatever their initial reactions to Nasser's behaviour, have had time to think out all the implications, and the dangers which they present to the future of the canal. Even Nasser has given small signs that he might be agreeable to some sort of compromise, although his obvious difficulty is to find a face-saving formula that would be acceptable to the Western powers and at the same time would not undermine his national prestige.

Now Tempers Cool—And Tension Eases In Cairo

From Donald Edgar
Cairo, Aug. 14.
There are definite signs of a lessening of tension in Cairo.

Cutler VC, saw the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mr Fawzy today.

Afterwards Mr Cutler told me: "There are signs that the Egyptian

ians would like to go some way towards a basis of negotiation."

"Tempers have cooled," he said.
"I noticed one or two hopeful signs. There

is the tendency to move a little away from the inflexible position," he added.
This confirms the somewhat extraordinary spirit of optimism sweeping Cairo. For

over the week-end they were envisaging war any day.
Reuter reports from Paris that Suez Canal shares rallied on the Bourse today, reflecting increased optimism

over the international situation.
The better feeling on the market also showed in oil share quotations. — London Express Service and Reuter.

OUR AIM: by SELWYN LLOYD

**BRITAIN WILL WORK WITH ALL ITS POWER FOR
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE SUEZ PROBLEM**

**DECLARATION ON EVE OF
BIG CONFERENCE**

London, Aug. 14.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, said tonight the British Government would work with all its power for a peaceful solution of the Suez Canal dispute — "but that solution must include some form of international control for this essential waterway."

In a nation-wide broadcast on the Suez Conference opening in London on Thursday, Mr Lloyd said: "The rule of law must prevail. We are not bellicose—neither the British Government nor people. With Britain force is always the last resort."

Mr Lloyd said Britain was not seeking British control of the Canal. "We are seeking international control. We want a plan which will take full account of the legitimate requirements of Egypt. We want to preserve the rights of the users of the Canal," he said.

Mr Lloyd added that the primary purpose of a Suez Conference would be to express an opinion of the Western powers' proposals for an international authority for the waterway.

These were discussed by Mr Lloyd and the United States and French Foreign Ministers, Mr John Foster Dulles and M. Christian Pineau recently.

SUEZ SIDELIGHTS
NASSER FACED WITH DILEMMA

Paris, Aug. 14.
The Director-General of the Suez Canal Company, M. Jacques Georges-Picot, said today that Egypt's President, Colonel Nasser, was facing "a dilemma."

Speaking at a Press conference, M. Georges-Picot said: "Either the nationalisation of the Suez Canal brings him nothing after the reimbursement of the shareholders or he has to increase the transit fees if he wants to finance the Aswan Dam."

M. Georges-Picot said the Suez Canal Company could halt traffic through the canal on any day it wanted as the majority of the non-Egyptian pilots on the canal had requested to be repatriated.

"They will return home as soon as the order is given," he said. But the company had asked them to remain at their posts until the end of this month. — France-Press.

Guards Sail
Southampton, Aug. 14.
The liner "New Australia" sailed from Southampton this evening with a contingent of Grenadier Guards and other units for the Mediterranean.

The band of the Grenadier Guards played "Rule Britannia" as the "New Australia" put out to sea.

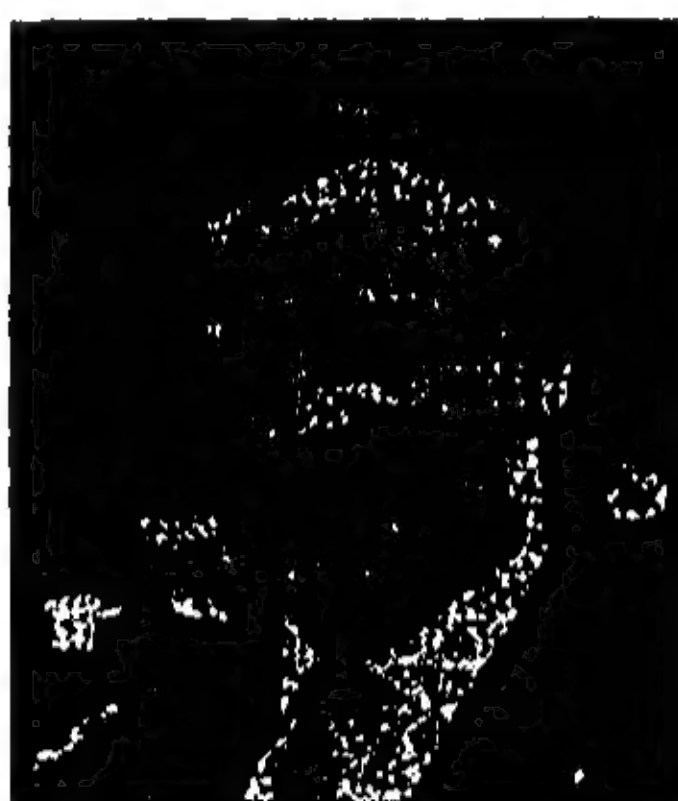
Crowds lining the harbour cheered. — France-Press.

Guarantee Given
The Hague, Aug. 14.
The Egyptian Embassy here issued a communique today assuring all employees, irrespective of nationality, now working for the nationalised Suez Canal Company, that they would be kept on in their jobs.

The communique said employees would be granted "the same advantages they enjoyed before" as far as pay, bonuses and other gratifications are concerned, as well as pensions calculated on the same basis as those of the nationalised company. — Reuter.

Oil Committee
Washington, Aug. 14.
Formation of a "Middle East Emergency Committee" to pool resources of the American petroleum industry to meet the oil needs of Europe and the United States if Suez shipping were cut off was announced today by the Government's Mobilisation Chief, Mr Arthur Flemming.

He said the Committee, made up of 13 of the companies engaged in foreign petroleum operations, was preparing for the possibility of a Suez oil shortage. — United Press.



Mr Selwyn Lloyd

**CROWD
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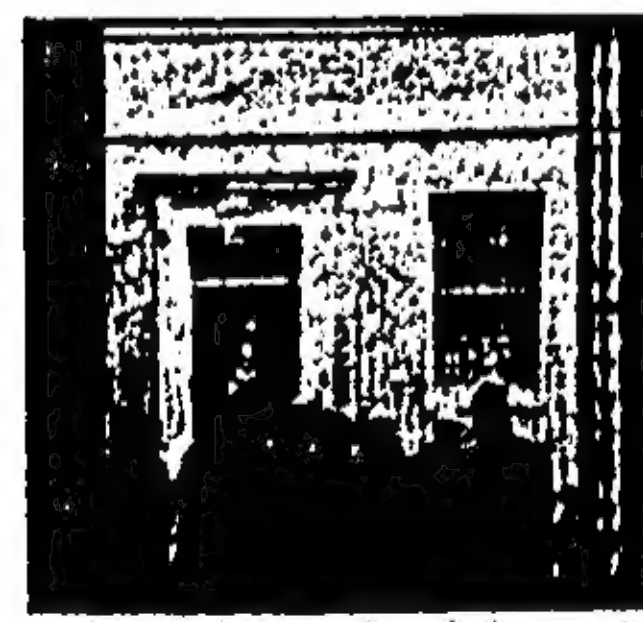
**Big March On
Downing St**

London, Aug. 14.
A crowd gathered outside No. 10 Downing Street tonight, booed the Prime Minister and shouted "We want peace."

Several hundred people marched to the Prime Minister's official residence in Whitehall, accompanied by two Socialist MPs bearing a resolution demanding that Britain renounce force in the Suez Canal dispute.

The petition was from the largest Socialist group "Movement for Colonial Freedom." The MPs, Francis Brockway and Miss Barbara Castle, had brought the petition from a protest meeting of 400 people to Sir Anthony Eden's residence.

By the time the marchers reached Downing Street they had become a column of several hundred people, followed by four cars. Police forced them to stand on the opposite side of the street to No. 10.



Marchers' view of No 10

As the open car carrying Mr Brockway and Miss Castle arrived, Sir Anthony Eden and Lady Eden drove up from an evening at the theatre. There were cries of "We want peace."

The two MPs then went inside. When they emerged a few minutes later, Mr Brockway told the crowd "We have not seen Sir Anthony. His private secretary declined to take the statement to him. This was on the grounds that we had not made an appointment."

There were cries of "shame" when Mr Brockway said Sir Anthony Eden had been to the theatre. Brockway added that the statement would be handed to the Prime Minister in the morning.

Mr Brockway and Miss Castle then drove away and the protesting marchers left Downing Street. — United Press.

**54 MORE BODIES
RECOVERED
FROM DEATH MINE**

Brussels, Aug. 14.

Another 54 bodies of miners who died in the Marcinelle pit disaster have been brought to the surface today, the seventh day of rescue operations.

Only 22 of them could be identified.
Of the bodies brought to the surface today from the 845 level, 14 were found crushed under a roof fall beneath which the fire was still smouldering.

It was feared that little further progress could be made in that area for the time being.
Efforts to reach the 907 level have had to be given up for the time being, owing to roof falls, but it is expected that once it has been possible to get past the most recent fall, the rescuers will reach an iron door which will possibly mark the limit of the fire.

All the men brought to the surface today had perished of asphyxiation due to carbon dioxide poisoning.

An announcement today said that "some experts" think all the 252 miners entombed in the bitter heart pit are dead—killed instantly on the first day of the disaster, a week ago.

M. Jean Rey, Belgian Economic Minister, who announced this over loudspeakers to waiting crowds at the pithead added however "other technicians are not so sure that there is not a chance of finding survivors, and hopes that some men found refuge in breathable pockets of air that would sustain them."

"That is enough to make us keep up the rescue work with maximum energy, as we have done from the beginning." — France-Press and Reuter.

Flood Warning

Adelaide, Aug. 14.
The South Australian Premier, Mr Thomas Playford, today warned Parliament that serious flood danger was threatening the rich lowlands along the Murray river, following a year of heavy rains and unusual winter snows. — France-Press.

SHOP BLAST KILLS 15

Monticello, Aug. 14.
Authorities counted 15 dead today and more than 30 injured, nine of them critically, in a dinner time explosion last night which crushed a crowded Monticello cafe "like an egg shell."

The dead included two children, two truck drivers, and several tourists.
Officials of both the state public service commission and Utah Gas Service Co. started immediate investigation into the blast, which authorities blamed on natural gas that accumulated in a shallow basement. — United Press.

**Malta Sends
Urgent
Plea To Eden**

London, Aug. 14.
A British Government spokesman today announced that Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden was studying an appeal from the Government of Malta, involving "urgent, high level decisions."

The spokesman refused to comment further on the message, which spoke of the "deteriorating state in Malta".

Several days ago, a serious dispute occurred between the Governor, Major-General Sir Robert Laycock, and the Prime Minister Dom Mintoff.

The Prime Minister demanded the repeal of the government's order closing off several Maltese bays to fishermen.

These bays were to be used as landing places for the flying boats, evacuating British families from the Suez Canal zone.

Mr Mintoff had the transmitting towers of a British radio station cut down after the station had refused to broadcast an announcement repealing the governor's order. — France-Press.

**Survivors
Report
Ship's Loss**

San Jose, Aug. 14.
The Costa Rican banana boat "Lamasaya" sank off the Pacific coast of Costa Rica last Saturday with 16 passengers and several children aboard, it was learned today.

Three survivors managed to swim ashore today near Golfito and Puerto Jimenez, after clinging to pieces of wreckage for nearly four days until they were within reach of land. They were taken to Golfito hospital in a critical condition.

The "Lamasaya", belonging to a subsidiary of the United Fruit Company, left Puerto Jimenez last Friday and had not been heard of since.

Several ships left for Golfito Dulce, where the shipwreck occurred, in the hope of finding other survivors. — France-Press.

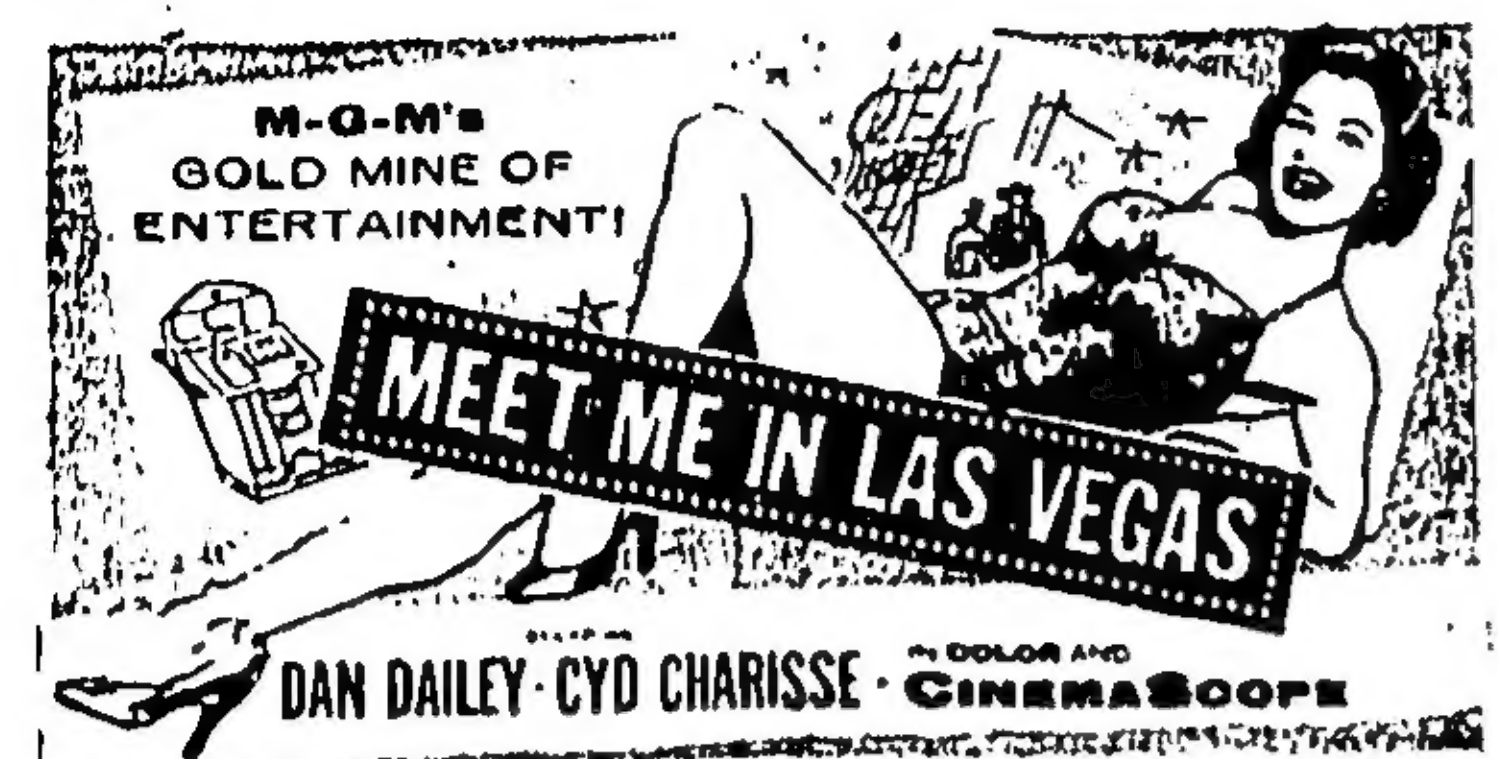
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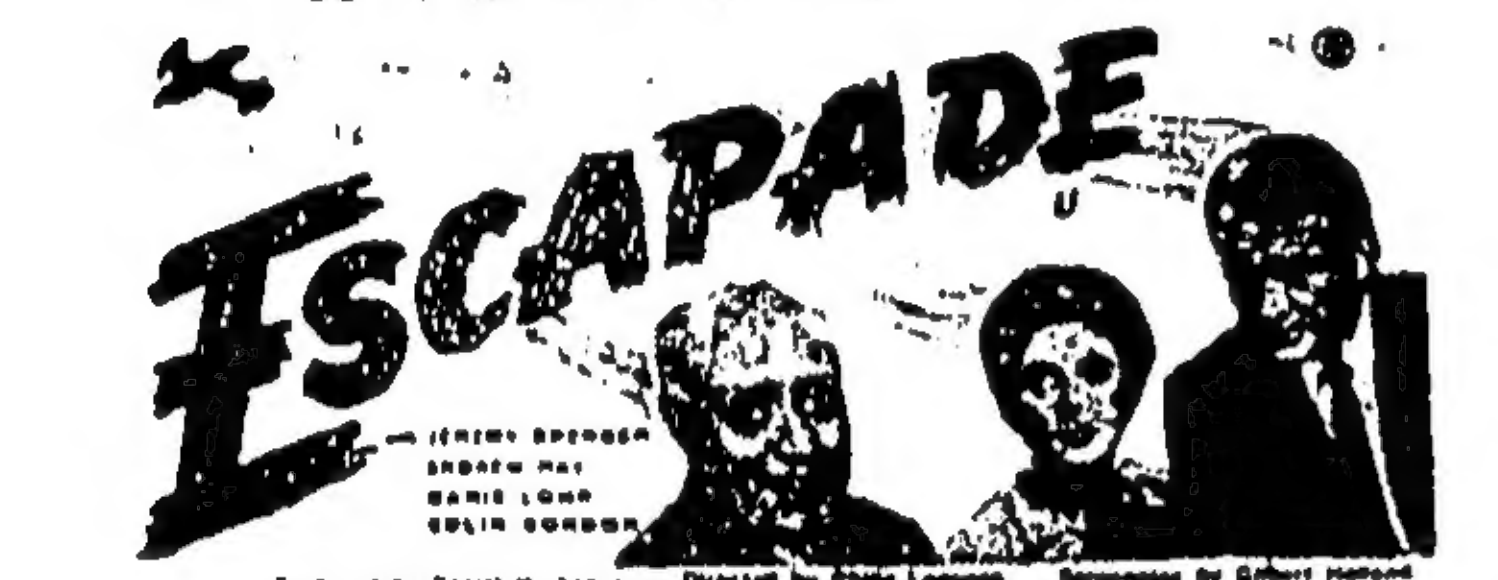


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US ENVOY TO EGYPT APPOINTED

Washington, Aug. 14. President Eisenhower today named Raymond A. Hare, a career diplomat, to be the new United States Ambassador to Egypt.

Hare, who became US Ambassador to Egypt at a critical time, highlighted by the current serious crisis over the Suez Canal. He succeeds Henry A. Byrnes, who recently was nominated by the President to be Ambassador to the Union of South Africa.

Hare, who joined the foreign service in 1927, has had extensive experience in Middle East and in Cairo where he has served three times in his diplomatic career. He was vice consul in Cairo in 1931, second secretary of the American Embassy there in 1937 and served again in 1940 as embassy counselor.

Hare also has been US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Lebanon. His present post is that of Director-General of the Foreign Service.—United Press.

Special Room For African Barrister

Johannesburg, Aug. 14. A special robing room with all facilities has been set aside at the Johannesburg Supreme Court for the use of an African advocate, Mr. Philemon Pearce Duma Nkomo.

Mr. Nkomo, who obtained his degree at the University of the Witwatersrand last year, is the first African advocate in the Transvaal to be admitted to the Bar.

Although a separate robing room has been provided for his use at the Pretoria Supreme Court, accommodation difficulties had arisen in Johannesburg because of the refusal of a section of the Bar to admit him. There is already overcrowding in the limited facilities available.—China Mail Special.

Airlift For Iran Flood Victims

Wiesbaden, Aug. 14. The US Air Force today set an international airlift in motion for flood victims in Iran.

A giant C-124 Globemaster will pick up 40,000 pounds of clothing and medical supplies in Houston, England, tomorrow and fly them to Teheran. Two C-119 Flying Boxcars will carry 14,000 pounds of emergency field cooking equipment and rubber boots from Geneva to Iran the same day.

The supplies are being provided by the American Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies. Air Force help was asked by the International Red Cross in Geneva.—United Press.

Russo-Japanese Plans In Air

Moscow, Aug. 14. A Japanese spokesman said today the question of whether Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Foreign Minister, would return to Moscow after the London Suez conference "depends on developments."

The Japanese Foreign Minister is due to leave aboard a Soviet aircraft for Stockholm at 8.45 a.m. (Moscow time) tomorrow.

He will stay a few hours in Stockholm and then fly on to London.

The two-week peace treaty negotiations in Moscow were suspended yesterday because of the London Suez conference but no date was set for the resumption.

Possibility

Asked if Mr. Shigemitsu would return to Moscow after the London conference, a Japanese spokesman said: "It depends on developments. Nothing can be said about it. It is a possibility but it is difficult to comment in any way."

Unofficial Japanese sources said it was unlikely Mr. Shigemitsu would return to Moscow immediately after the London conference, because it was improbable the Japanese Government would have taken a decision by that time to sign the peace treaty.

These sources said the decision was linked with the domestic Japanese political situation.

The sources said the Japanese Government faced a difficult decision because the refusal to sign a treaty on Soviet terms would mean ending the fishing

Open Season On Eisenhower

Harding Meets Old Friend



The Governor of Cyprus, Sir John Harding, visited the scene of a recent operation by the Parachute Regiment "Spread Eagle" (A further attempt to catch terrorists in the mountain areas of Cyprus.)

While he was there the Governor visited the cook-house and met an old friend of his, Private William McLaren (40) of Otley, Yorks. He is unmarried and has served 18 years. He first met the Governor in 1946 when Sir John commanded 13 Corps in which McLaren served. The Governor remembered McLaren because they were both in hospital together.—Central Press Photo.

NATIONALISTS STILL HOLDING ALLEGED PLANE SABOTEUR

New Delhi, Aug. 14. The Nationalist Chinese Government on Formosa still refuses to extradite the alleged saboteur of the Communist Chinese chartered plane Kashmir Princess, Parliament was informed today.

Sakathali Khan, parliamentary secretary to Premier Nehru, appeared before the legislators and was questioned about the United Kingdom's efforts to have the saboteur extradited to Hongkong.

The Kashmir Princess crashed into the South China Sea last year after taking off from Hongkong. The alleged saboteur was among those who worked on the plane during its stop at the Colony. He subsequently succeeded in reaching Formosa.

No Formal Approach

Khan said: "India has been informed by the United Kingdom that Formosa authorities refuse to entertain their request for extradition of the alleged culprit on the ground that there is no extradition treaty between the United Kingdom and Formosa."

Asked if the United States was approached on the question Khan said no formal approach had been made to the US but indicated that the matter has been informally touched on with US officials.

In reply to a question on whether Hongkong took enough precautions to guard the plane in view of an advance warning from Peiking that a sabotage attempt was expected, he said Hongkong authorities reported taking all possible protective measures.

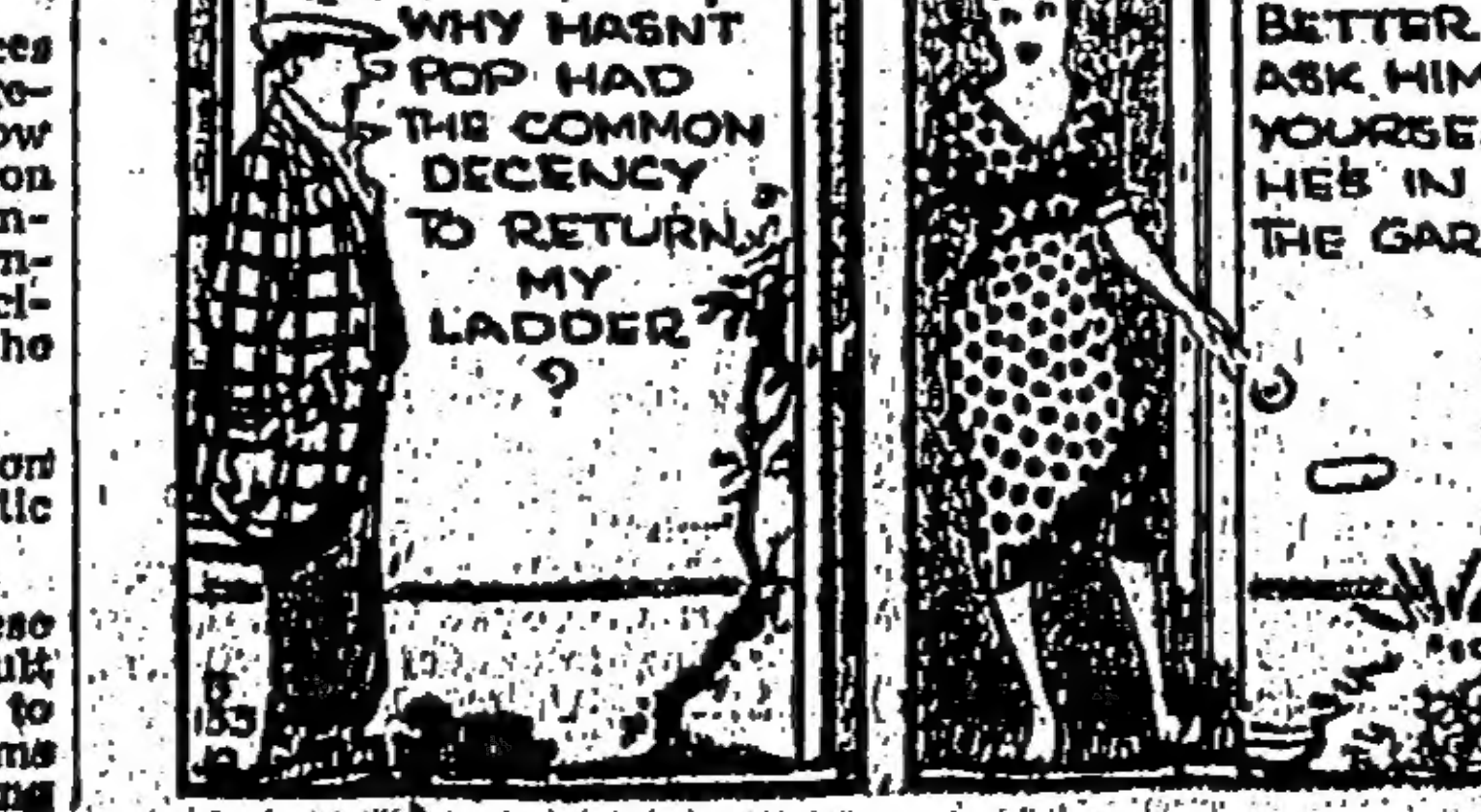
No unauthorised persons were allowed to approach the plane but the saboteur was among those who worked on the aircraft, he said.—United Press.

FREE PIPES

Lucenburg, Aug. 14. A Hamburg man has found a cheap way to obtain pipes.

When the town of Lucenburg was recently celebrating the 1,000th anniversary of its founding, the Town Council received a letter from a man saying that when he read of this celebration, he was so astounded that his pipe dropped from his mouth and broke on the floor. The Town Council promptly sent him a new one.

Several newspapers published the story. Then, from several angry letters to the Press and to the Lucenburg Council, it turned out that the same man had practised the same trick on a number of previous occasions.—China Mail Special.



NO IMMUNITY FROM PARTISAN ATTACKS DURING CAMPAIGN

By PAUL SCOTT RANKINE
Washington, Aug. 14.

The reaction of the Democratic Party convention to a blistering keynote speech by Governor Frank G. Clement last night now makes it clear that President Eisenhower will no longer be immune from fierce partisan attack in the campaign for next November's presidential election.

This is a major change in the "party line", decided upon only recently by the top strategists of the Democratic National Committee.

For four years, Democrats, in and out of Congress, have been cautiously soft-pedalling direct attacks on President Eisenhower. The theory has been, particularly amongst members of Congress seeking re-election, that such a strategy would boomerang upon the attacker because of the President's overwhelming popularity with voters of all parties.

Only the intellectuals of the party have kept up a more or less unbridled fire upon President Eisenhower through a sophisticated party magazine, the Democratic Digest.

All Changed

But this magazine does not have mass circulation and the intellectuals have long deplored the restraint of the grass-root politicians throughout the country.

All this has been changed overnight by the impetuous invective of Mr. Clement, himself the epitome of a grass-root politician, and the enthusiastic reaction to it not only by the rank and file of the party but also by such eminent leaders as President Truman and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. The core of the Democratic Party campaign for the next three months will henceforth be based on charges against

YOUTHS GAOLED FOR CARRYING PETROL BOMB

Nicosia, Aug. 14.

Two Greek Cypriot youths were gaoled for two years today for carrying a petrol bomb.

Special court Justice Leonidas Demosthenos, 17, and Andreas Zenonos, 15, "it seems the custom of Cypriots to use cloth fibre in the neck of a bottle when no cork is available. But if this is done with a petrol bottle it becomes a bomb and renders them liable to life imprisonment."

Restrictions on Greek Cypriot bars, cabarets and other places of entertainment in Nicosia were lifted by Commissioner R. N. Beresford.

But he warned they would be closed again if any violence occurred or if they were used for distributing unlawful pamphlets.—United Press.

Declare War On Smugglers

Djakarta, Aug. 14.

A member of the Parliamentary Defence Committee, Mr. Simet Ginting, has urged the Government to "declare war" on the smuggling rings operating between Indonesia and Malaya.

Indonesia's official income from its exports to Malaya in 1955 was 2,389,000,000 Malayan dollars, while the value of goods smuggled into Malaya during the same period was estimated to be 152,000,000 dollars.—China Mail Special.



Stevenson Couldn't Beat Ike

Chicago, Aug. 14.

Former President Truman said today he does not believe Adlai Stevenson could defeat President Eisenhower if he wins the Democratic presidential nomination.

Truman said this was why he decided to endorse Gov. Averell Harriman of New York for top place on the party ticket next November.

"I don't believe Stevenson can win and I think Averell Harriman can," the former President told reporters.

Truman added, however, that if Stevenson wins the nomination in balloting scheduled to start on Thursday night, "I will support him."—United Press.

Thai Terrorist Asked To Surrender

Alor Star, Aug. 14.

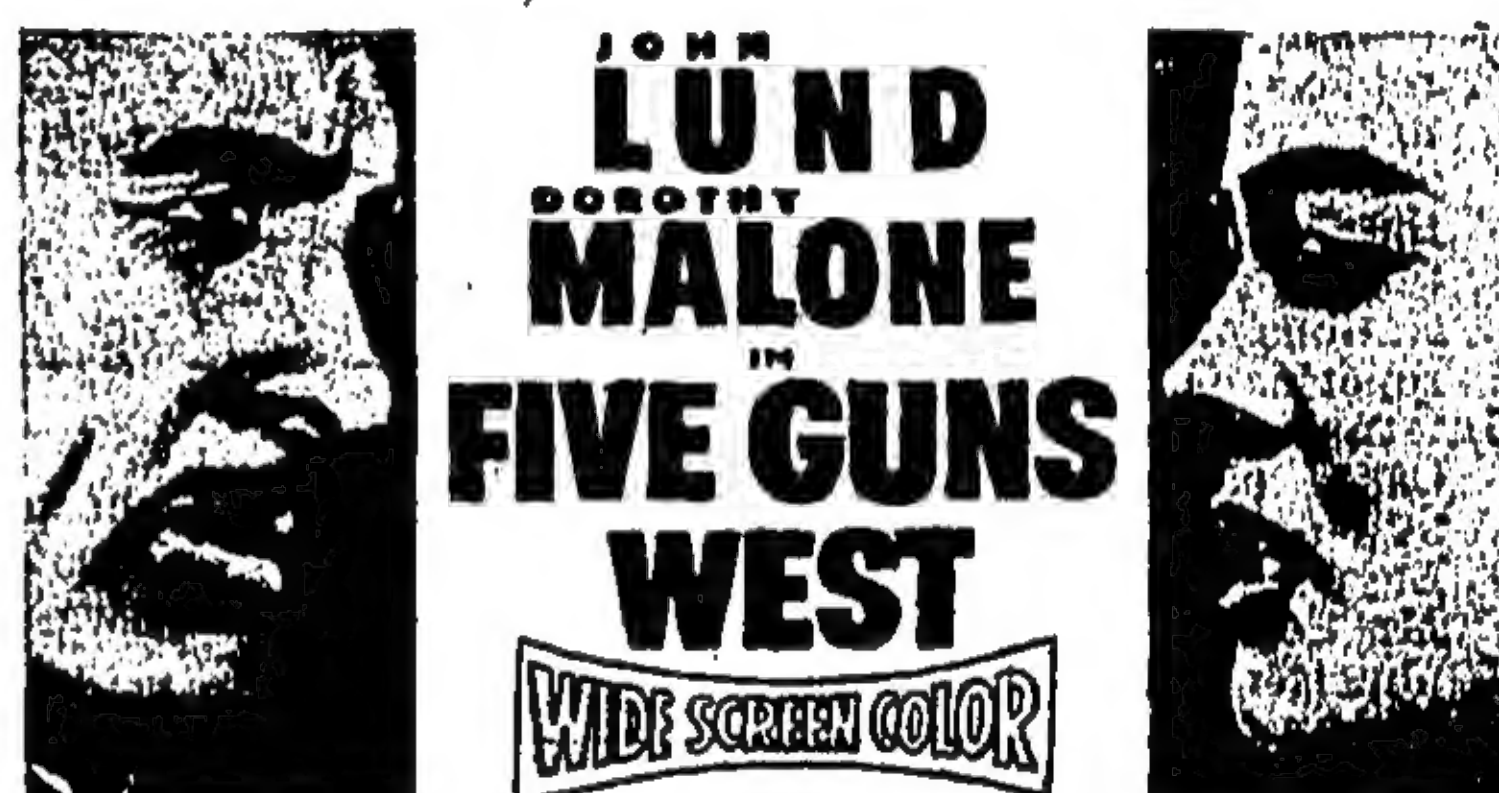
Thousands of leaflets appealing to a Thai Communist terrorist to surrender were air-dropped over the jungles of Northern Malaya today.

The terrorist, Ah Yik, is believed to be the only Thai Communist operating in Kedah State.

The leaflets contained a message by Ah Yik's parents asking him to give up and rejoin them because "your mother and I are old and now we need you."—Reuter.

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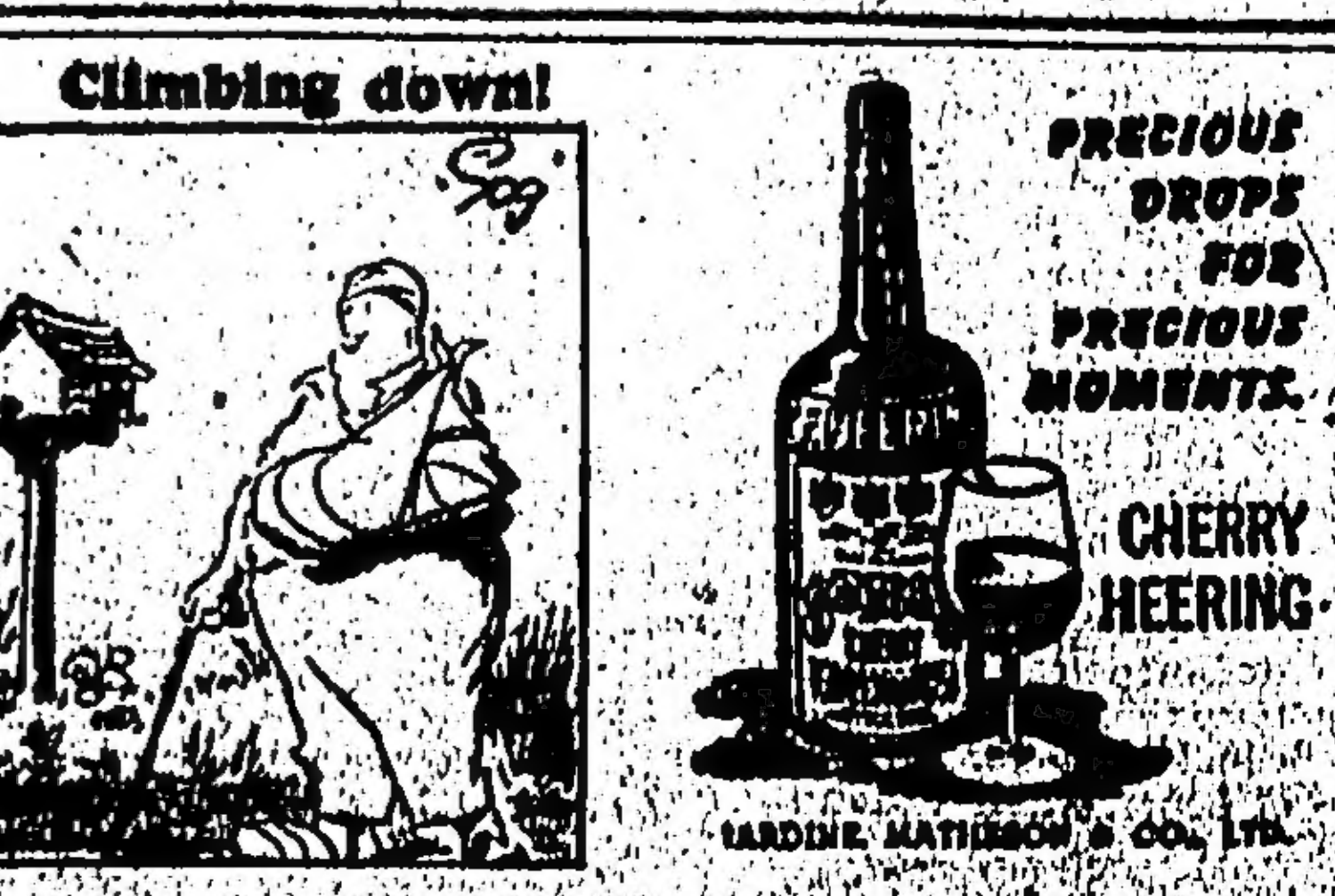


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DULLES' SUEZ CANAL TACTICS

**Egypt's Absence
Could Weaken
Scope Of Talks**

Callutta, Aug. 14.
Mr. R. G. Casey, Australian External Affairs Minister, said today that Egypt's absence would greatly weaken the scope of the London conference and would likely prolong the tension.

Mr. Casey, speaking to reporters at Dumdum Airport here on his way to London, described the speech by Egypt's President as "moderate" and said it was interesting that he proposed an international conference.

"All we want to do at the London conference is to recreate conditions by which the use of this great world utility would be restored to its former status," he said.

NO ADMITTANCE

In London the Foreign Office said today that since the British Government did not recognize the "so-called government" of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) it could not take cognizance of any communication purporting to come from it.

A spokesman said that the Foreign Office understood that attempts had been made to deliver to the British Consul-General in Berlin a letter "purporting to come from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic."

In the letter a request was made for visas for members of a delegation appointed by the "so-called German Democratic Republic" to take part in the conference.

The East Germans were not invited to attend the conference and would therefore, be admitted to it, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

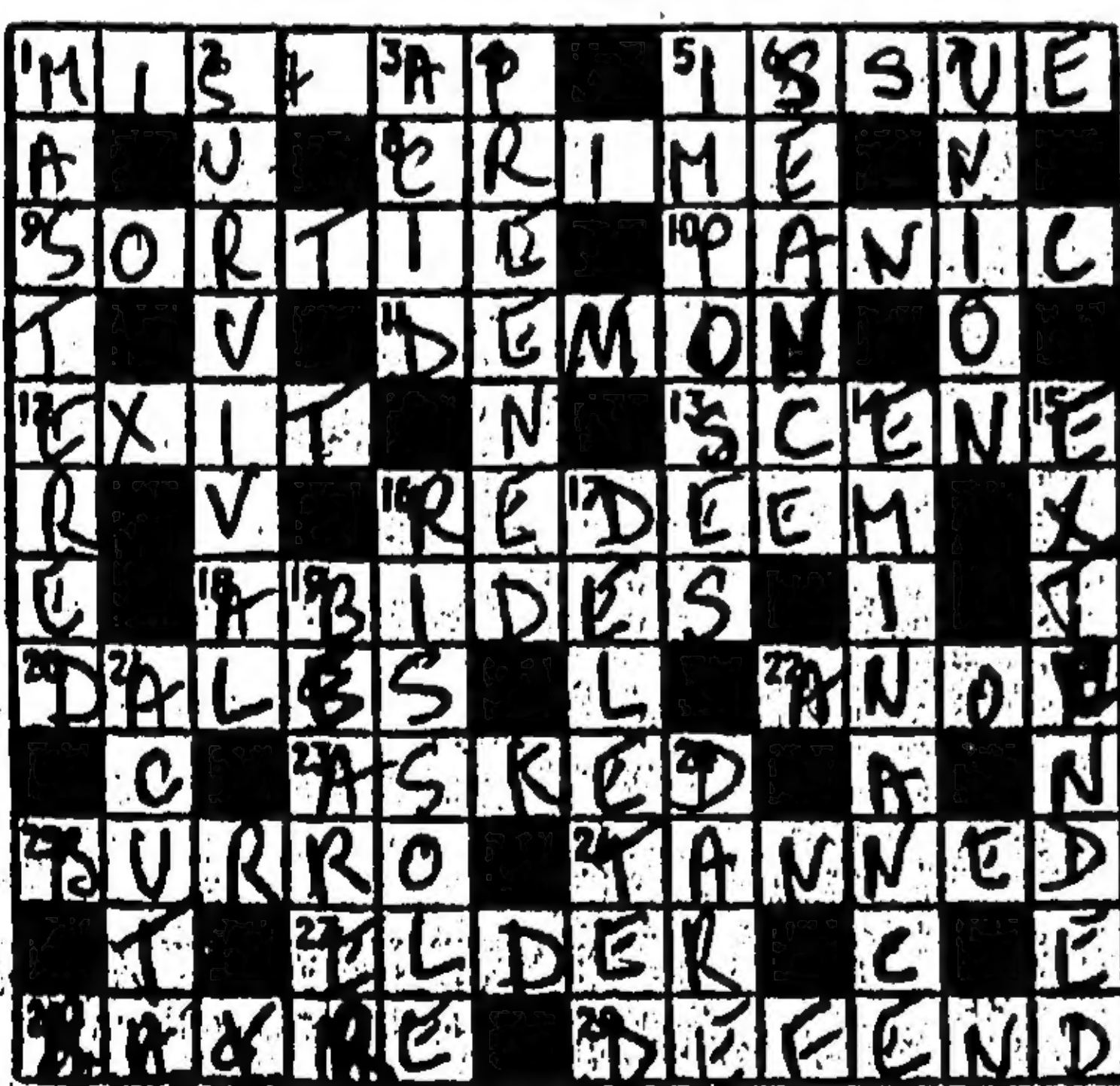
Peruvian Peak Conquered

Lima, Aug. 14.
A French expedition headed by Lionel Terray, has climbed Chacabunga Peak, of the Cordillera Blanca, in the Peruvian Andes, one of the world's most difficult mountains, the Lima press reported today.

The report said the expedition conquered the 20,013-foot peak on July 31.

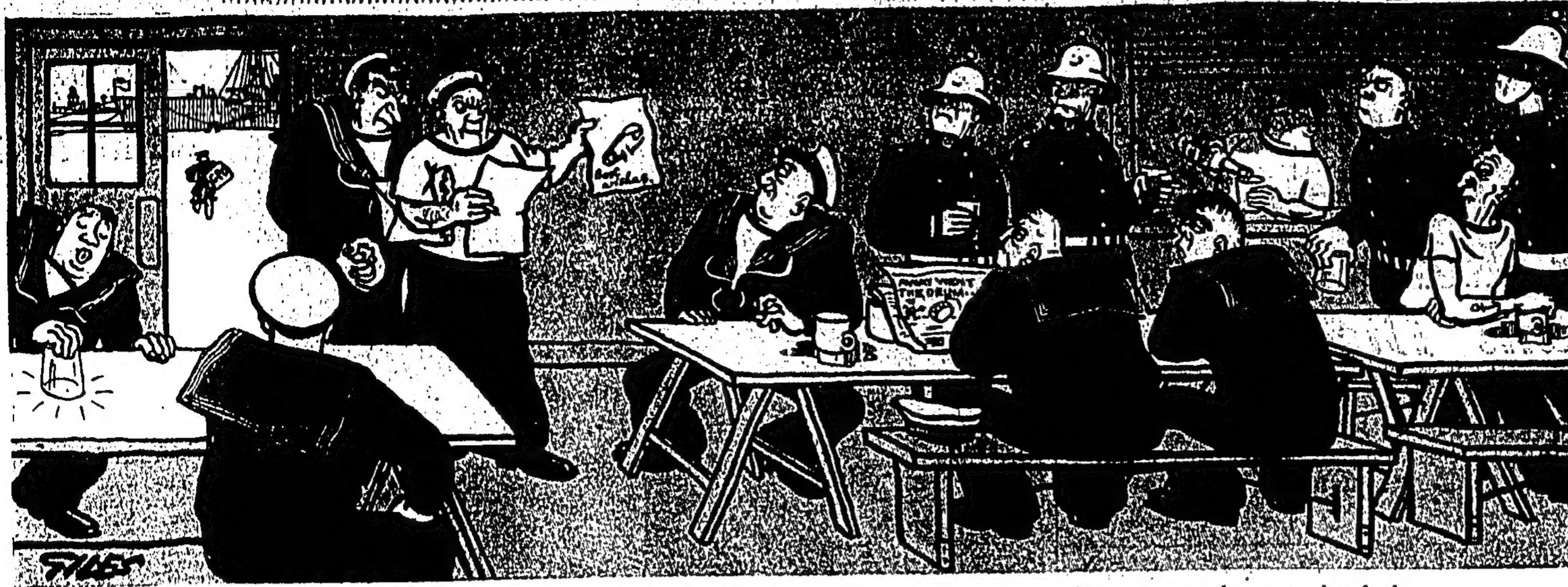
Meanwhile, a group of British climbers, the "British Expedition of Veterans of Everest", is struggling to reach the top of another peak, the Huagancha. Press reports said they were being hampered by bad weather.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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- Accident (6).
 - Outlets (6).
 - Offence (6).
 - Gally (6).
 - Infectious (5).
 - Evil spirit (4).
 - Way out (4).
 - View (5).
 - Buy back (6).
 - Tolerates (6).
 - Valleys (6).
 - Formerly (4).
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 - Bumblers (6).
 - Senior (6).
 - Rhythm (6).
 - Prophet (6).
- DOWN**
- Berlin (6).
 - Continued existence (8).
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 - Arranged, as feathers (7).
 - Lays on (7).
 - Spiritualist sitting (6).
 - Joint (6).
 - Fame (6).
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"It says: 'We were interested to read that your big drum blew away on parade yesterday. You may remember, some time back, one of our officers fell off his horse and the following morning some joker left a little pot of glue on the guardroom step. We enclose a safety-pin as we wouldn't like to see your big drum blow away in front of Colonel Nasser. . . . Signed: The Brigade of Guards.'"

Pathetic! The copy-cat women

HERE is a wide-spread myth outside America that the average American woman is assertive, assured, and a dominant force in and out of the home. I believe that is a myth because in fact the great fear of the American woman is losing her man. To cover up that fear she gives the impression of being so completely certain and confident of herself.

Just before I left New York to come for this holiday in London a large American woman's magazine—an intelligent magazine—showed me many letters from its readers. In those letters I saw where a part of that fear of

losing a husband, losing a man, springs from. It springs from show-business—the film stars who are also symbols.

A woman sees Marilyn Monroe or Ava Gardner so successful up there on the screen. She sees her man watching them happily and she begins to fret: "Does he want me to walk with a wiggle like Monroe? Does he want me to look or behave like Gardner? If I do, shall I hold my man more easily?"

I know that sounds crazy, but in fact it happens. Today you can see hundreds of American women—and not only women in America—trying to turn themselves

I see in Britain now!

into cheap imitations of those stars.

When show business, which deals in unreality, slops over into this way the result is usually fatal.

In London now I see young girls tottering along on too-high heels, with their hair looking like an unmade bed, and their bustle exaggerated.

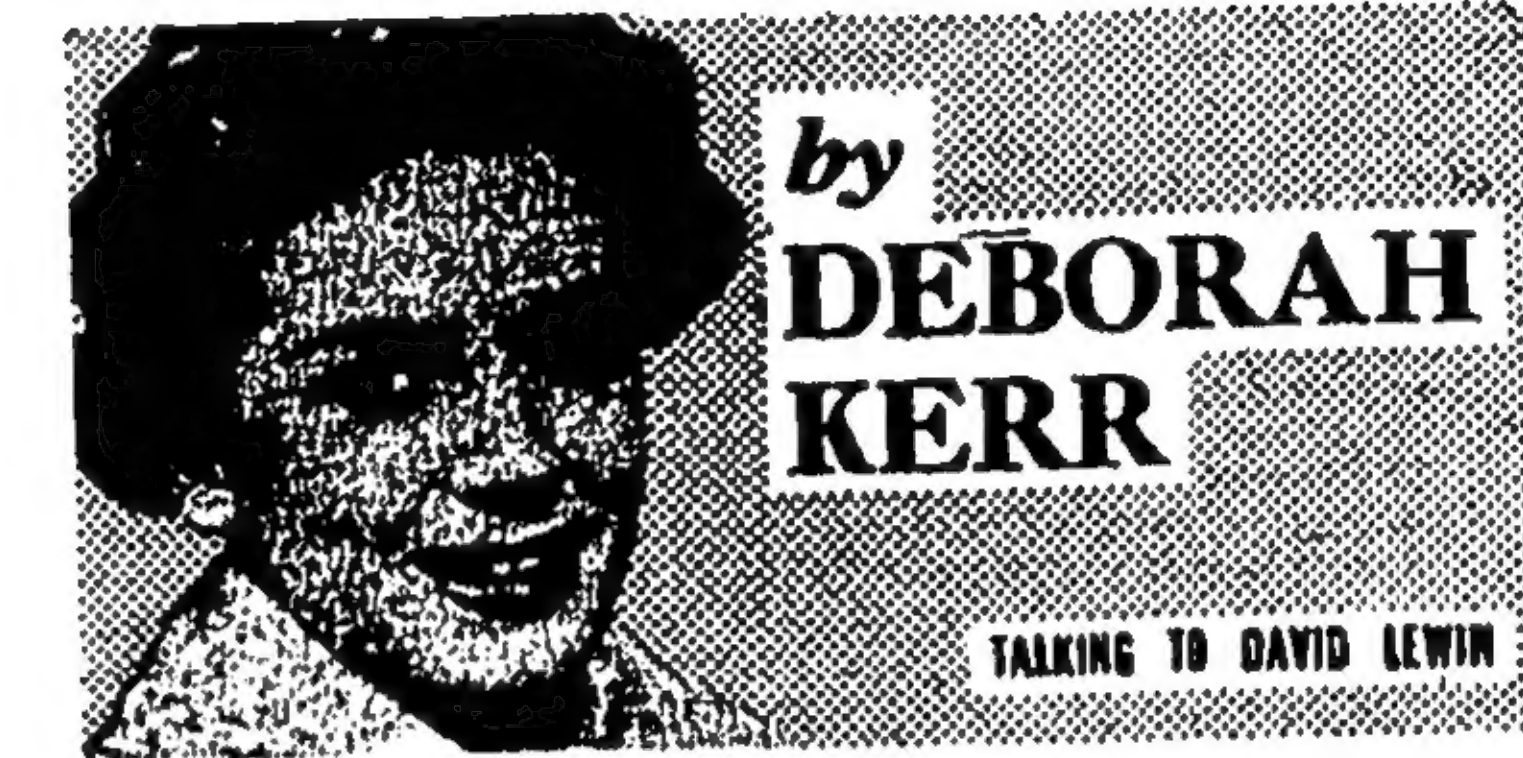
They think that if they look like they will attract men—and hold them. When I was a young girl, not so long ago, mine wasn't a strict home by any means, but I would have been thrashed if I had made up like that.

It is so silly because one of the things I have learned about men is that you should never interfere with their dreams about a film star or any other woman who appears on the surface to be so sexy. Let a man whine after the girls if he wants to—it makes

him feel he is quite a fellow and he is happy about it. But that doesn't mean he would want to be married to an Ava Gardner or a Monroe in real life. If he were faced with such a marriage he would be plain scared.

So it doesn't mean that he wants his wife to dress up in tight sweaters or try to look like a film star. Then other men might begin to whistle after her—and he'd hate that.

The way to hold a man is not with such superficial symbols. It is personality that counts. A man has an ego, so feed it. A man wants his woman to have a mind—not just a pretty figure. Telling him: "Aren't you lucky to be married to me!" or shouting at him: "Look at all the washing-up I have to do for you!" isn't the way to hold a man. That over-assertiveness is not the way to cover up a worried feeling about those exciting women he goes to see in the cinema. Tied springs from jealousy, and I know there are places—remote places in America—where it is difficult to get rid of that jealousy.



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There are few neighbours—and they've got worries too. There is only the cinema—and now television. The woman watches her man watching other women on the screen and goes on worrying.

I know intelligent women in America married to handsome men—actors some of them. What do they do when they see their husband eyeing another girl?

What I have learned about man makes me realise that handing out advice is difficult because the situation is different in every family. And when a woman is looking after four children with no help at home it is tough to keep a sense of humour.

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DON IDDON IN HOLLYWOOD:

THE SARONG GOES INTO THE SIDEWALK MUSEUM

HOLLYWOOD is a complex of contradictions. Bob Vogel, MGM's Foreign Publicity Director, met me at International Airport and, as we drove to Beverly Hills, said: "There is quite an economy wave here. Cameramen are being cut down, or just hired on a one-job basis, and a lot of little people have got the gun."

At this moment five Cadillacs in a flock passed us with a sigh of exhausts, and I said: "Not much economy there."

On the surface Hollywood and Beverly Hills, which is its satellite, have never looked more lush.

No Bibles

I AM staying at the opulent Beverly Hilton Hotel, which claims to be standing on the most valuable piece of real estate in the world, having New York's Fifth Avenue.

The hotel is full of wealthy Texans and their glossy wives. Local comment is that no one but a Texan can afford the Beverly Hilton.

There are a balcony and a refrigerator cupboard in most of the air-conditioned rooms in the hotel, and instead of a Bible in every room, there is a copy of Conrad Hilton's biography: "The Silver Spade."

This swaggy hotel has not replaced the Beverly Hills Hotel, which generously opposes Conrad Hilton naming his place the Beverly Hilton because of the similarity of names.

But it draws the top stars: Frank Sinatra, very hot at the box office just now, despite his dimly dull latest film, "Johnny Concho."

Barbara Stanwick—one of the sweetest persons in the Hollywood jungle—Bogart, and Bacall.

Johnnie Ray, for whom Marion Davies, before her stroke, gave a multi-thousand-dollar reception, to which 600 were invited and 1,000 attended.

Adolpho Menjou who is appearing in the Diana Dors film "Married a Woman," and who says that "any man who has fewer than 100 suits cannot be considered well dressed, Dana Wynter and her husband, Greg Bautzer.

Array of jewels
DANA's marriage to Greg Bautzer, "Hollywood's most eligible bachelor," is still the big talk of the film city.

Zsa Zsa has her "working jewels"—pronounced "verking"—for previews, and her more valuable diamonds, rubies, and emeralds for premieres.

But the most valuable collection of jewels belongs to Mae West. She will pour a bunk of diamond into your lap and when you say: "Aren't you frightened of losing some of them?" she says: "Every one has been photographed by the FBI, and they are all insured."

You must not address this actress as "Mae" but always as "Miss West."

Incidentally, our girl Dora should be more unapproachable. As a fully fledged star she is not wise in letting the hired hands shout: "Hi, Diana," or in careering around on a bicycle.

Anyway, the Beverly Hilton is the latest, and perhaps the last, symptom and evidence of Hollywood magnificence.

The days when Gloria Swanson had cars rather similar to Lady Dora's are over.

As for houses, the great sprawling, Spanish-type mansions, with patios, balconies, lead-filled roofs, and intricate iron-work, are dead losses on the Southern California market.

is to the compact and modern, the glass and adobe ranch house, easy to run.

Extravagance and eccentricity are dwindling, but there are still plenty of crackpots in Hollywood.

I went to see Dorothy Lamour—she's still around—drop her sarong on the sidewalk of Hollywood and Vine the other day, in a stunt to counter the footprints in the concrete outside Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

Pavement shrine
BY the way, Grauman's Chinese Theatre is an old-fashioned barn compared to any Odéon or Granada in the British provinces.

Lamour, suitably smiling, dropped her sarong into a small lighted cubicle cut into the pavement on Vine Street.

Into the glass of emeraldism also went Harold Lloyd's glasses, spectacles, Cecil B. de Mille's black megaphone, Jimmy Durante's dark-green felt hat, Gene Fowler's "Biography of Durante," Will Rogers' larrikin, John Wayne's six-shooter, a pipe and a small gold gramophone record from Bing Crosby representing the millionth recording of "Bing's 'Silent Night' two parodies of the late John Barrymore, and a gold ticket to the opening night of his last play, "My Dear Children."

This sidewalk museum is more customers just

new than Grauman's concrete Walk of Fame.

This is still a "zany" town for extreme and elaborate religion. Almeda Temple Macpherson's, heretofore has many offshoots.

There is the "Holy City" Revival Centre and "Life in Death Valley" and hundreds of tent revival meetings.

Father Roberts, who calls himself "Bishop Royal, Priest of the Holy Church," gives away fifty Sunday 1,000 copies of miracle pills for healing practically everything.

This is a plodding of unbridled gossip and rumour world—the scandal magazine, Confidential, is required reading. This sheet has been sued, but no one has ever collected a substantial sum from it. Its exposures are regarded as gospel by many of the fans.

Grace in disgrace

HOLLYWOOD is full of phobias, fetishes and neuroses. It bitterly resents Grace Kelly abandoning it for Prince Rainier of Monaco.

Several reputable newspapermen have sworn to me that Metro-Baird offered Rainier half a million dollars if he will persuade his wife to return to pictures. Also they assure me that the Prince received most of the revenue for the television and reversal rights of the wedding pictures. Metro says nothing.

Starting, many of the stars are taking up the more "laid-back" Chinese Communist line, and some are even taking up the "Red" line.

AS everybody should know by now, we are right in the middle of the silly season.

In England, where we have severe summers but often get a few hours' sunshine at this time of the year, the natives, who have been in deep freeze for 11 months, wake from their long winter sleep and go happily nuts.

Even in countries like Egypt, where they are accustomed to heat, you find leaders of the people, such as Lance-Corporal Nasser, going off the deep end, calling Americans liars because they won't lend him money, and then pinching the Suez Canal.

Over here our summer malaise takes a different form. Yorkshiremen have a reputation of being among the sanest inhabitants of a country renowned for its eccentricity. But what do we find going on in Yorkshire now?

I quote from the Yorkshire Post:

"Within one hour," he said, "I filled ten bowler hats with treacle. My actual time was 59 min. 10sec. I was helped a little by a following wind, but I owe everything to my trainer."

Don't ask me why he found so much happiness in filling bowler hats with treacle. Ask a psychiatrist. Don't ask me why he wanted a trainer and a following wind. Ask the Sports Editor. I prefer to leave it as it is—a silly season classic in its own right.

Then there is the Glasgow cleverman, apparently under the influence of the Dog Star Sirius (hence Dog Days in July and August, when this star is supposed to give people funny ideas—ask an astrologer) who has offered this advice on marriage:

"Some young husbands and wives need to beat each other to remove certain complexes. These slappings relieve tensions and put couples more at ease during the first months of married life."

As I know nothing about women I am unable to say if a girl feels more at ease with a thick ear, but I do suggest that the clergyman's advice seems to be a gold medal which I wear on my bracelet. It is marked "Distinguished marriage medal—for 10 years' meritorious service."

That was a big joke when he gave it to me—and I'm proud of it.

And I have learned this about men: I have not held my husband by being anything else but me. Self-confidence does not come from copying any film star—whether it is the fire of Ava Gardner or the cool detachment of Grace Kelly.

It comes from understanding yourself and realising that your husband may think of other women during the day but you are the only one he wants to come home to at night.

A giant miner full of jagged knives, and splices has been specially made for the job.

And, as if strikes were not part of the silly season (they usually occur about this time), the silliest people in the country have poked their noses into the dispute.

You must have guessed that I am referring to the followers of Oswald Mosley, who should be getting too old for this kind of nonsense at his advanced age.

When we were both young he had his strong-arm bullies and I had my own political party with the simple slogan of A Sock On The Jaw For Everybody.

In this way I hoped to settle all political arguments. Sometimes in moments of disillusionment I think I may have been right.

Silliest publicity

IS it the silly season or sheer desperation on the part of Press agents that has changed the line of publicity for film stars (female)?

For many years vital measurements rather than ability have been the selling angle.

Bosoms have been bursting through the pages of picture papers for so long that press agents may have realised at last that the public, which certainly includes me, can hardly bear the sight of them any more.

So what is the new line? Why, brother, it is maternity. For married film stars, of course.

Now they have either become mothers or are going to be mothers, or want to be mothers.

According to the news Olivia de Havilland has produced a baby. Lena Turner expects one in January. Vivien Leigh is getting on December, and Google Withers is looking forward to November.

Then a headline shouted at me: "Want A Baby, Says Lollo."

A message from Paris reported that Sam Goldwyn asked Lollo to be the star in a new film, "The Boy and the Dolphin." Lollo's answer was "to throw a glance at her husband and say: 'What I want more than anything else is a baby.'"

Although this is all cosy and delightful I think I should warn the press agents that maternity as a publicity angle is a dead

Silliest people

MOST of the year Mrs Sheila Hughes, wife of a magician, is seen in half for the entertainment of those who like to see women seen in half.

Now the silly season has arrived she is going to be put through a mincing machine, presumably for the entertainment of an unappreciated audience which has been longing to see a woman put through a mincing machine.

A film star wanting to be a mother is news. A film star becoming a mother is news. If she becomes a mother more than once it ceases to be news. The same may be said about her vital measurements.

Unless this one was exporting itself the must have been mistaken.

So there's silliness for you, man.

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AS if the police haven't enough on their hands, two constables saved three white mice from sunstroke in a Derbyshire pet shop.

The latest skin cream for women is made of fresh bananas.

A Mr John Kelley says he saw a flying saucer over the Yorkshire moors. It looked like a grey moon.

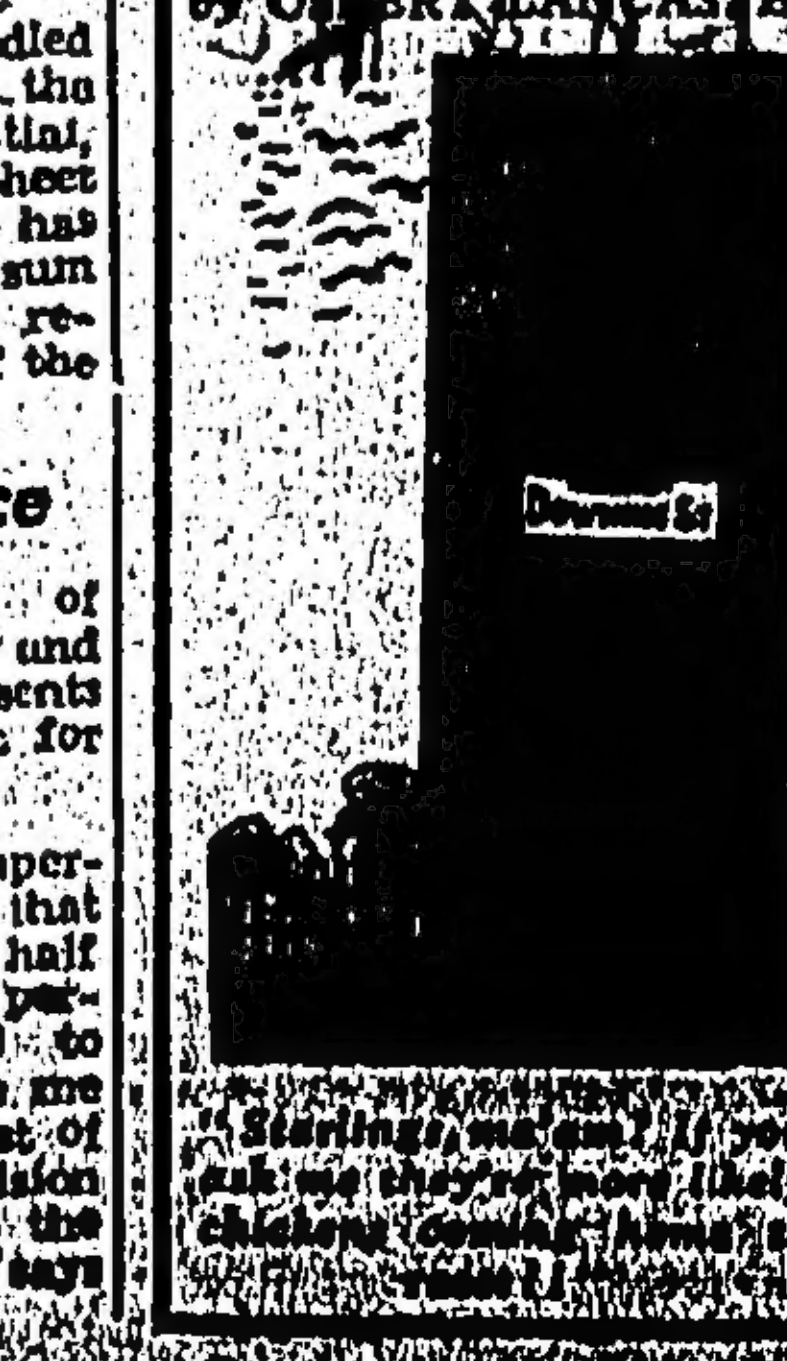
A grocer in Wales, standing outside the local tavern, also saw a flying saucer that looked like a Cheddar cheese! As a grocer he must know! There are no real Cheddar cheeses in Britain, because they are mostly exported.

Unless this one was exporting itself the must have been mistaken.

So there's silliness for you, man.

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POCKET CARTOON BY GERRY LANCASTER



PROFESSIONAL GOLF

Too Few Players Get Among The Prize Money Says Dai Rees

By ARCHIE QUICK

At a time when more and more tournaments are being introduced into the professional golfing calendar, that brot of a boy from Dublin, hefty Harry Bradshaw, laments that there are too many.

When he came over from Elre to Richmond, Surrey, for the first ever Amateurs versus Professionals match on level terms, he told me he had lost the savour to play, and was tired of the constant fray. "I would be much happier playing in only a few tournaments each summer," he said, "and treat them as re-unions with my brother professionals."

I am afraid Harry's is a lone voice crying in the wilderness, for all the other paid exponents want more and more tournaments so that they can improve their chances of Ryder Cup recognition, and, more important still perhaps, have the opportunity to earn more cash. As club coaches very few of them have to pick up such a fixed salary and additional "perks" as Bradshaw does at Portmarnock.

Today our professionals are asked to play only 24 rounds to qualify for the Harry Vardon Trophy whereas in America the schedule is 60 rounds.

The professional golf trouble as I see it is that there are too many stroke play tournaments and not enough match play. A few more of these and then perhaps there would not be a reputation of the recent Open Championship humiliated Overseas players then took some £2,800 of the total £3,500 prize money, while South African and Australian players left the home men trailing in several of the other tournaments.

Where are the young men?

Charlie Ward, 44 years old, came out of retirement to win the British Close Championship which was almost a complete triumph for the over-40 brigade. Not too many tournaments surely, Harry Bradshaw.

JOVIAL IRISHMEN

If this jovial Irishman is to disappear from the tournament scene it will be poorer for his loss. If his ball had not gone into the neck of a broken bottle to cost him a stroke he would have won the Open Championship at Sandwich five years ago. He has been "Master" golfer of the year and he has made the Ryder Cup team. Above all, with or without, he has always been his own boss, self, taking the minimum of time to address his shots and get round the courses.

Dai Rees, when I spoke to him at Richmond about Bradshaw's opinion, said: "Although I cannot personally complain, the big weakness of British professional golf, I think, is that too few players get among the prize-money. It is the same names every time at the top of the lists. Others get disheartened and cannot afford to make up the field. That was shown in the poor entry of 83 in the Close Championship. Of course, their only remedy is to make good by constant practice. Yet not many can spare the time from their club members."

Portsmouth Football Club has suffered a double blow last week. Perhaps the bigger was the announcement by his father that 17-year-old Pat Neil had signed amateur forms for Wolverhampton Wanderers. This is the boy, still at Portsmouth Grammar School, whom Pompey manager, Mr. Eddie Lever, lifted from his third team to his first and who thereupon gained Amateur International and Olympic "caps" as such a tender age.

Neil still has a year at Grammar School. Then there will be National Service and a University, so he cannot take Jimmy Mullin's place on Wolves' leaving for some time to come yet and he has no intention of turning professional. He left Portsmouth, he says, because the crowd booed him, but Mr. Lever has been his mentor and coach from his footballing cradle. No wonder he says he is "stunned".

The other Pompey surprise has been the signing of inter-

national Len Phillips for Poole Town. Phillips was injured in training with the England team, and when, finally, the doctors said he would never play again the Football Association, as was their responsibility, paid Portsmouth £16,000 through their insurance company. This was on the grounds of "total disablement" and was poor reward for Portsmouth for a £25,000 player and a bastion of their defence.

RETIREMENT PAY

The club, in turn, paid Phillips £4,000, which was more than he could have earned in four seasons' play. He also got something from the Players' Union Benevolent Fund, and his "retirement" pay from the FA—a nice little nest-egg for the talented, if stormy, Londoner, whom Pompey discovered as a wartime footballing Marine.

Now, out of the blue, Phillips has signed for Poole Town, the Southern League club managed by Stan Rickaby, ex-West Bromwich Albion and England full-back, and the club with whom Wilf Mannion was recently connected. And, despite that "total disablement" pronouncement and the £4,000 odd compensation Phillips was quite within his legal rights. I am assured, although Portsmouth and the FA take a pretty poor view of it. It has, indeed, happened before.

Mr. Lever came to Town to see the FA and get a ruling on the two Neil and Phillips points, but, although he got every sympathy, he got no satisfaction. The FA pointed out that, despite the ethics of each case, nothing illegal had taken place. Neil, as an amateur, can naturally play for whom he likes although all his loyalties should be with Portsmouth; there is nothing to stop Poole taking a chance with Phillips, who, naturally, was not retained, transfer-listed or offered terms by Portsmouth. In effect, he was on a free transfer and took advantage of the opportunity.

A cricket record of which the all-time "Wisden's" contains no entry, came to light lately.

It happened this way. At the Oval in the Surrey-Exeter match last bowler Peter Loader came with a touch of an "lbw hat trick". Without an Essex run on the scoreboard Peter, in his very few overs, had Gordon Barker lbw with his third delivery and Ken Barrington the same way with his fourth.

Every fieldsmen gathered round the amateur Williams for the next ball. Sure enough, Loader rapped him on his pads and made a frantic appeal. This time, however, umpire Alec Skellding shook his head.

Would it have been a record?

A diligent search of "Wisden's" showed no such equal feat and we had just agreed it was a unique achievement in first-class cricket when someone remembered that Horace Fisher had done the same thing for Yorkshire against Somerset at Sheffield 24 years ago. And a quick look at old score records proved that it HAD happened.

THEIR FIRST RUN

While all this was happening the other Essex batsman, Tommy Dodds, stood helplessly at the other end. He said to me afterwards: "I was beginning to wonder whether I should ever

get a knock." In fact, 16 balls were delivered by Loader and Alec Fisher before Essex scored their first run and when Loader got Williams soon after he had taken three wickets in 14 balls with the total at one.

Talking of Dodds, he has refused, on religious principles, to allow matches to be played on Sundays on his behalf. By this, his benefit season, Sunday games are a big source of income to beneficiaries, and one must admire Dodds's moral courage in spurning what would have amounted to hundreds of pounds.

Skipper Stuart Surridge who does so much for the Oval club with bat, ball and in the field, is convinced he is going to lead Surrey to their fifth successive Championship—an all-time record. The handicap of losing Peter May, Tony Lock and Jim Laker for eleven county matches has been tremendous," he said, "but we have overcome it, and I cannot pay too high a tribute to the Second Eleven players who have stepped into the vacant places. The triumph will be as much theirs as the senior players if we pull it off."

One anomaly of this year's Championship is that Surrey play their greatest rivals Lancashire, only once—and that at the Oval.

British Sports Car Breaks Two Records

Bonneville, Salt Flats, Utah, Aug. 14.

A British Austin-Healey sports car driven by Roy Jackson-Moore of Los Angeles today broke two 16-year-old records for a 200-mile and 500-kilometre course.

The International Class D sports car records, subject to customary FIA confirmation, are 152.51 miles an hour for the 200-mile and 152.32 mph for the 500 kilometre course.

These records will also stand as American Class Records when confirmed.

The previous records—150.12 for the 200-mile and 145.96 for the 500 kilometre courses—were set here in 1940 by George Barringer driving a Miller Special. An Austin-Healey team, led by Captain George Eyston, plans more record runs here in the next few weeks.

The runs are made on a 10-mile circular course.—United Press.

22 Competitors Take Off For Channel Swim

Folkestone, England, Aug. 14.

Twenty-two international long distance swimmers sailed here tonight for Cap Gris Nez where they are due to enter the water in the early hours of tomorrow morning for this year's marathon France-England cross-channel swim.

The swimmers, representing 12 countries, are taking part in the annual swim sponsored by the Channel-Born showman and holiday camp "King." Mr. Billy Butlin.—Reuters.



Into the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week there steps a group of six young stalwarts from District Workshops REME.

To prove their worthiness they have brought along the shield presented to them on Monday evening by Brigadier F. C. C. Graham, D.S.O., in recognition of their grand performance in beating 'G' Branch in the final of the Headquarters, Land Forces 6-a-side Hockey Knock-out Competition by 4 goals to 2.

Congratulations then to Messrs Grant, Whyte, Mullins, Bridle, Tait and Lodge who wore the Workshops colours.

A word of praise too for Ordnance Branch who surprised friend and foe alike by their fine 3-2 victory over 'G' (Inf) to win the plate competition in the other game on Monday's hockey programme.

During the Annual General Meeting of the Army (HK) Football Association the Chairman, Lt Col O. D. A. Le Feuvre, RE, once again stressed the importance to Army sport and prestige of a strong and successful Army representative team in the Colony.

He asked units to co-operate to the full with the committee responsible for building and running the team and to make selected players available when they were required.

The meeting was held at the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road last Thursday and attracted a large number of unit representatives.

After a great deal of discussion regarding the possibilities of admitting the stronger 'Minor' units to the 'Major' units competition it was decided by the meeting that in view of the many difficulties and implications involved in such a project the arrangements for last year should be repeated.

SUGGESTIONS

The meeting heard many suggestions on how the season's heavy programme of competitions could best be run in order to provide a balanced schedule throughout the months when the game is played. This item provided some interesting discussion and an equitable solution based on previous experience was agreed upon.

The following officials were nominated for the incoming season: Chairman: Lt. Col. O. D. A. Le Feuvre, RE. Hon. Secretary AFA: Major C. D. Elrick, MBE.

Hon. Secretary (Leagues): Capt. H. Leader, MBE, R.A.P.C. Manager: Army Representative teams: Major R. Webb, R.A.M.C.

Hon. Secretary AFA Referees: WOII Gordon, RE.

It was decided by the committee that a programme of 8 trial matches would be staged in order to see and select potential players for the Army representative teams. This is very much in line with the arrangements last year and units should endeavour to make their nominated players available for the trial which is being staged nearest their own location.

Trial 'A' will be held at San Wal on Tuesday, August 21 and will be followed by Trial 'B' at Sek Kong on Thursday, 23rd; Trial 'C' on Gun Club Barracks on Friday, 24th; Trial 'D' at Sookpung on Sunday 26th; and finally Trial 'E' at San Wal on Tuesday 28th.

The kick-off on all these occasions will be at 3 o'clock although, provided there has been made for an earlier start in Trial 'D' at Sookpung if the number of players nominated warrants several games being run.

As in previous years no player who feels he is up to the standard required in first class Colony football will be refused an opportunity to show his pace. All trials are required to provide themselves with shorts, stockings and boots and they should arrive at the appropriate ground at least 30 minutes before the time set for the kick-off.

At the conclusion of the preliminary trials 24 players will be selected to undergo intensive training for two weeks under the experienced eye of Major Webb, the new team manager, and it is expected that during the training period one or two games will be arranged against local civilian sides.

DEPARTURES

Although only a small number of military families will be leaving the Colony on the troopship "Empire Orwell" at the week-end their departure will be felt in local civil and military sporting circles. Among those getting ready to say goodbye to Hong Kong will be Major A. J. (Fred) Catley, R.A.M.C. who has played many fine games of cricket for the Royal Army Medical Corps.

He has also been a stalwart in one of the KCC sides during the last two seasons. Last season

HOLLYWOOD'S GREAT RIVAL... ROME IS DOING PENANCE FOR ITS MOVIE "SINS"

By HENRY GRIS

Hollywood's great rival, Rome, is doing penance for its movie "sins." To understand what's taking place one has to glance back to the early post-war years when, free of Fascist regimentation, Italians tackled movie-making with a vengeance. Rome was out to regain the cinematographic prestige it had lost in the early 1930's following some spectacular trail-blazing in the silent film days.

It won't be back within an amazingly short time with what became known as neo-realism, represented by such interesting specimens of down-to-earth cinema triumphs as "Open City," "Paisan," "The Bicycle Thief" and others.

This phase brought international fame to a handful of Italian directors headed by Roberto Rossellini and Vittorio De Sica.

The second phase involved Italian actresses rising to international fame—Anna Magnani, Gina Lollobrigida and Silvana Mangano, to name those who scored first.

Connoisseurs of the arts shook their heads at this display of practical showmanship and said Rome had gone Hollywood; that its placing of pulchritude above the theatre in typical Hollywood tradition was turning to naught the accomplishments of the immediate post-war years.

This accent on startling female stars certainly did Italian films no harm at the box office, but apparently the protest of the art-minded resulted in the Italian directors settling for a more typical Hollywood style.

BACK IN STRIDE

Neo-realism is back in stride as it has not been since the 1940's. De Sica, who can be as naughty as the most risqué French novelist, and as star-conscious as a Hollywood mogul, is again playing Pygmalion to non-professionals cast in his latest, "Il Tetto" (The Roof). His heroine had to be a plain girl and she is just that, the 17-year-old daughter of a Roman waiter. She acted for the first time when she auditioned for de Sica along with some 500 other hopefuls who answered his newspaper ad.

"Il Tetto," as documentary in style as the early Italian offerings, rivals Pietro Germi's directorial entry, just completed, "Il Ferroviere" (The Railroader). After despairing of getting Spencer Tracy for the lead and feeling that no other actor could comprehend the role as could the American, Germi took the part himself. His premise was that he was the only person who knew what the human conflict in the story was all about. Already Germi's picture is termed the most interesting picture of the year.

Then there's Renato Castellani, best recognized for his spectacular international "Romeo and Juliet" and the earlier "Due soldi di speranza" (Two Pennies of Hope). He has emerged with a project entitled "I sogni nel cassetto" (Dreams in a Drawer), which will be populated by non-professionals. This one deals with the dreams, trials and tribulations of Italy's post-war universal youths.

Others are Antonio Petrucci who has just completed "Il Cortile" (The Backyard) and Mario Mattoli who wants up "Le Diolotti" (The 18-Year-Olds). Luigi Giachì is shooting "Per le vie della città" (Through The City Streets), as its title indicates, in the streets and alleys of Milan, while Camillo Mastroianni has completed "Porta un baccone a Firenze" (Bring a Kiss to Florence), in the shadows of the domes of Florence. All have been using "artists from the streets."

Off the picturesque little harbour of Colmar in Cuba a hungry old Cuban fisherman is selling his skiff against the endless wastes of water.

The leathery, sun-dried and weather-beaten face of the old man in the pair of patched-up dungarees belongs to none other than movie star Spencer Tracy, and everything he does is recorded on film by an accompanying camera boat for a movie, "The Old Man and The Sea."

The origins of this Cuban adventure go back to some time in 1952 when producer Leland Hayward, upon reading an Ernest Hemingway manuscript, grew fascinated with the idea of translating it into film.

After securing the services of Tracy as star and Fred Zinnemann as director, Hayward enlisted an enthusiastic Hemingway for the task of actually catching the 1,500-pound marlin in the story.

The job of writing the difficult screenplay was handed to Peter Viertel, a noted Hollywood writer.

Thus the stage was set a full two years ago. It took all of the time since then for all concerned to get ready for the shooting stage.

For instance, Zinnemann has been shuttling between Hollywood, Havana and Talara, Peru, for the past six months looking for locations. Viertel came up with a tight 84-page job after a year of writing and rewriting and doing his own shuttling.

The technical problems took as much time to solve and when they were licked a Hollywood studio had enriched its movie-making equipment with a two-ton diving bell, 12 feet long and three feet in diameter, a sound transmitter the size of a pack of cigarettes and a microphone as small as a dime, among a lot of other unusual paraphernalia never seen before.

The old man's shack, the boy's shack and a fisherman's cafe were especially constructed to Hemingway's own specifications. The harbour of Colmar was "deglamorized" to meet the movie's requirements and after all this was accomplished, Zinnemann sat down to the task of training the villagers for their parts in the movie as extras.

BRIEF SEQUENCE

With the exception of a brief sequence at the beginning and another at the end showing other fishermen and a group of tourists, and the few glimpses of the boy, the movie has a single performer facing a gigantic task of sustaining audience interest—Spencer Tracy.

Yet, while the camera is focused on a lonely figure in a lonely boat, the view from the Old Man's skiff opens to a huge floating studio and a flotilla of vessels manned by seagoing movie-makers. And behind them lie the boats of sightseers who have come a long way to see a Spencer Tracy movie being made.

A typical Hollywood dude: ranch-guest rooms with all modern conveniences, swimming pool, two well-stocked bars, 320 acres of land and four horses—

was the setting, on a recent Sunday for a party given by a Hollywood star.

The host, wearing a maroon-coloured western outfit—guns, holsters and all—worked hard to keep his guests amused.

Jerry Lewis greeted each arrival with a grin, a poke-in-the-rib and a joke.

He patted the kids' heads and played any request character alongside a child as dad or mom proudly snapped their picture.

Later, Lewis took part in a western show, slinging his gun with the nonchalance of a Roy Rogers and then putting on a mock fight with towering Mickey Finn, Hollywood's greatest full guy, who got the thrashing of his life.

The audience, big and small, howled with laughter. It howled again when Lewis wrought havoc with a square dance on the patio near the swimming pool. Then the movies' great Cadillac-driving Indian, rich old Chief Youlachie, induced Lewis into his tribe, and the flashbulbs popped again.

Four hours and a half-dozen other events later Lewis was still knocking himself out to keep the audience amused. The guests were members of the Hollywood press, radio and television corps who had received an invitation signed, "Dean and Jerry."

BEHIND THE SCENES

"We would love the pleasure of your company at a Western Hoe-down at the Circus J Ranch in Newhall. Take your spouse and little 'Buckaroos'..."

But Dean Martin had not shown up to greet the buckaroos. The two had feuded through the preceding summer and their relationship had not improved with their working in two pictures in succession. It was not until the following Monday that the guests at the dude ranch and the "world premiere" that night in Newhall of the latest Martin-Lewis picture read about a new split.

Behind the scenes, the day was marked by a studio approval to let the stars go their separate ways. Handed down from a production boss' inner sanctum, it was still a strictly confidential matter when the party got going. Obvious publicity men gaily distributed press releases for the next morning which read, "Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis kicked off the national publicity campaign on their latest picture by playing hosts to more than 250 guests..."

By a strange coincidence, it was the anniversary, almost to a day, of the team which had generously handed out laughter to the American public for 10 years. It was in the summer of 1946 that Dino Crocetti, 29, and Joseph Levitch, 20, unsuccessful separately, got together in an Atlantic City night club and started the act that made them rich and famous.

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2 Of the peace?
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4 Reels
5 Clapping.
6 A king
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8 It's sad
9 Straight road
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REDS IN ICELAND'S NEW CABINET

Complications At Home And In Foreign Relations

Reykjavik, Aug. 14.

The admission of two Communists to the six-man Cabinet of the new Government has started controversy at home and is complicating Iceland's relations with her fellow-members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, particularly because of the future of the American-manned defence base here.

Norwegian and Danish newspapers have pointed out in sharp terms that Iceland is the first Atlantic Treaty power to have Communists in the Government. Will their presence there, the Scandinavian papers ask, lead Iceland to insist on her demand that the American forces should be withdrawn from the big base at Keflavik? Or will the Icelandic Parliament react against the Communists and bring about a "fall of the Government"?

The new Government is certainly perplexed.

43 Per Cent

It has pledged itself to press for the complete or partial withdrawal of the Americans from Keflavik, although 43 per cent of the Icelandic electorate voted against this policy in the June elections. Forty-three per cent was the share won by the Independence Party of the total vote cast in the June elections. The Independence Party, the largest in Parliament, is against any American withdrawal until the danger of Soviet aggression has been proved to have decreased.

The Progressives, the second party in Parliament, first urged complete American withdrawal but then said that they would be willing for the base to be manned by Icelandic and American technicians so that it could be occupied by airmen and soldiers immediately in the event of an emergency.

A harder policy is followed by the Social Democrats, who tie with the People's Alliance (a merger of Communists and Left-Wing Socialists) for third place in Parliament. The Social Democrats insist on a complete American withdrawal although they are not opposed to the base being retained by Icelanders and held in readiness.

Despite their objection to the presence of American forces on Icelandic territory, both the Social Democrats and the Progressives advocate Iceland's continued membership of the Treaty Organisation. They do not want her to go neutral.

Loosely-Knit

Outright neutrality is, on the other hand, urged by People's Alliance who have been campaigning against the Treaty Organisation as energetically as Communist parties in other countries.

Continued or abandoned membership is, thus, already splitting the loosely-knit Coalition. This split is aggravated by splits within the parties themselves.

The Progressive Party has a left-wing led by Mr. Hermann Jonasson, Prime Minister in the new Government. The right-wing is led by Mr. Eysteinn Jonsson, Finance Minister, who held the same position in the Independence-Progressive Coalition Government which ruled Iceland before the June elections. The right-wing represents Iceland's farmers, whereas the left-wing is supported by farmers who are leaving the country and settling in the towns where, experience shows, they tend to grow into left-wingers.

As there is a natural clash between town dwellers, claiming that farm produce is too expensive, and country dwellers, claiming that townpeople should pay more for home-grown food, the Progressive Party has developed a constitutional weakness. One reason why it is co-operating with the Social Democrats is to check the drift of some of its left-wing members into the Social Democratic Party.

Rebel Wing

The Social Democratic Party has also had its rebel wing. It was this wing which broke away three years ago and merged with the Communists in the People's Alliance.

Trade questions are also splitting the Government. The trade post is held by a Communist pledged to increase exchanges with the Soviet bloc. About one third of Iceland's total trade now is with the Soviet Union and the Soviet bloc. No complaints of any importance have been made against Soviet prices or against the quality of the goods she supplies but the Icelanders cannot obtain from the Soviet bloc enough goods of the right type. They prefer American or British cars to Russian or Czech vehicles. Icelandic women, who pride themselves on their elegance nowadays, want Western beauty products.

Both men and women here like reading British and American books and newspapers. Few can read Russian and still fewer want to read the language. To buy Anglo-American goods the Icelanders need foreign currency. They are short of it because their exports tend to fall below their imports. The gap has been filled by so-called "invisible exports." The greatest of these, as a recent Bank of Iceland report showed, is the "export" of services to the Americans in Keflavik-China Mail Special.

cepted" by these two parties as "respectable" enough for participation with them in the management of national affairs.

No Complaints

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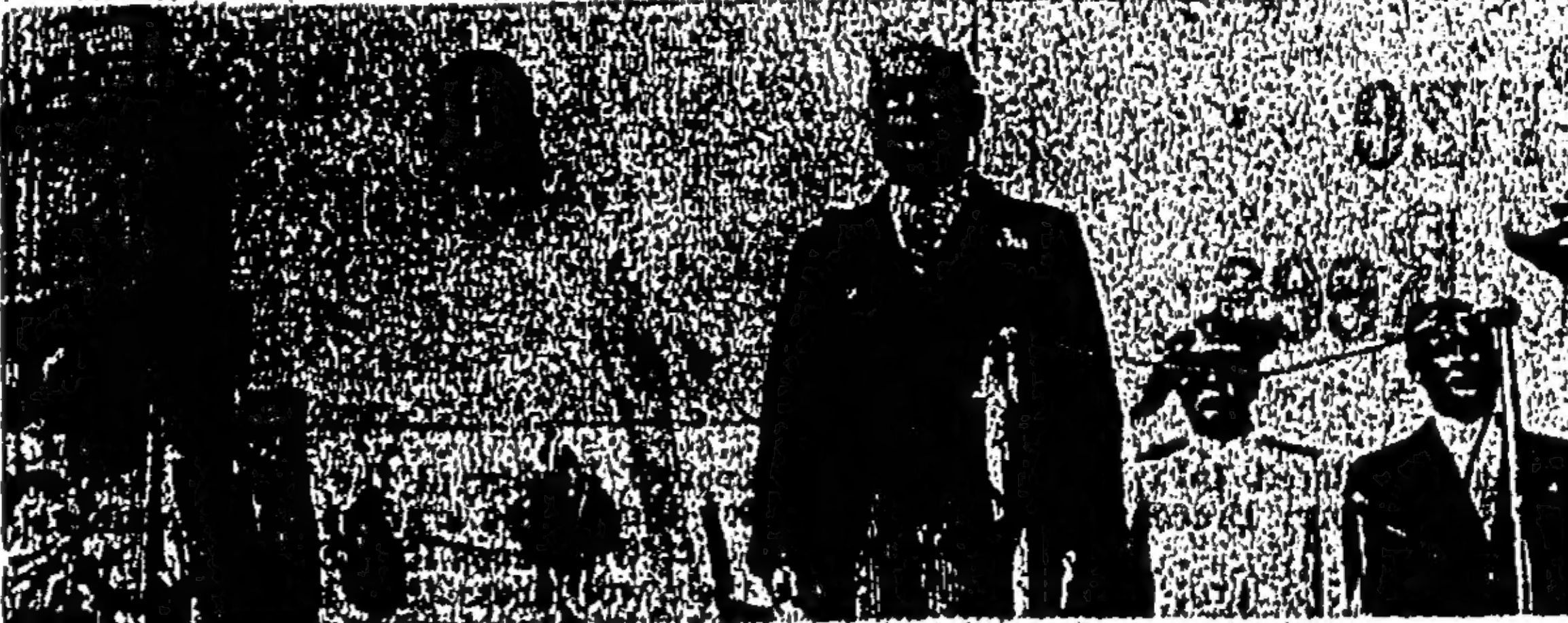
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Transient Impulses

"We have to be resolute" in this situation, he said. We must permit the right of free passage through the Canal to depend upon the transient impulses of a single military dictator.

Colonel Nasser's action was "a breach of international law." A company possessing such an international character as the Suez Company could not lawfully be nationalised in the way that it had been done. The



King Idris of Libya, who recently paid an official visit to Turkey, is pictured being greeted on his arrival by Turkey's President Celal Bayar. The visit is expected to strengthen still further the ties existing between the two countries. — Express Photo.

SELWYN LLOYD'S SPEECH

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Egyptian action "strikes at the rule of law between nations." Mr Lloyd, in his radio speech said: "It is a very serious situation. I do not want to sound alarmist but a threat to the life and strength of Britain and of Western Europe on the one side and to the countries of Asia on the other."

"It also deeply affects the United States of America."

Fit Of Temper

"It is interesting to remember in 1946 the Soviet Union declared themselves in favour of the principle of international control of the Suez Canal. The idea that just because the canal passes through Egyptian territory such an international authority would infringe Egyptian sovereignty bears no relation to modern ideas of what sovereignty really is."

"The primary task of the conference will be to express, in opinion upon our proposals." Saying that Britain has always thought there should be some link between the proposed international authority and the United Nations, Mr Lloyd added: "The allegation has made that the conference is being held under the threat by us to use force. As to that I ask you to consider for a moment the method by which Colonel Nasser chose to carry out his unlawful act."

"He announced it at the end of an angry speech directed

against the Western powers and made in a fit of temper because he was not to get from the United States and ourselves the money he wanted to build the Aswan Dam."

"He took action without previous consultation of any sort or kind with the Company itself. He did not consult other parties to the Convention of 1888."

"He did not consult any of the Arab states. He treated them like satellites."

"He said he would divert the revenues of the Canal to build the Aswan Dam. Finally he included in his decree of nationalisation an article ordering the employees of the company of many of them British—to stay at work under the threat of arrest and imprisonment if they did not."

The Damage Done

"Troops were moved in to seize the property of the Canal Company. He had already then mobilised about 75 per cent of his armed forces. That is what he has done, by way of force and the threat of force."

Mr Lloyd said the great need of under-developed countries at the present time was foreign capital and it was obvious that the blow to confidence administered by Colonel Nasser would make it more difficult for these countries to obtain such capital.—Routier.

Banker Defends Hire Purchase

Wellington, Aug. 14.

A suggestion that New Zealanders are overdoing the purchase of luxuries through hire purchase has brought Dame Hilda Ross, who is Minister for the Welfare of Women and Children, into the headlines.

On the other side of the argument, a New Zealand banker has stated that in his experience hire purchase commitments are an incentive to increase earnings.

Giving her views on the hire purchase system to a meeting attended by 400 Auckland women, Dame Hilda said: "I know I am sticking my neck out again because so much business is founded on time payment but people should not commit themselves too much to this system. It is wrong for young married people to try to furnish their entire home by time payment."

The President of Wellington Housewives' Association, Mrs J.G. McLean, announced a different view.

She said that members of her committee were not entirely in agreement with Dame Hilda's criticisms of a system which was recognised all over the world. "It is not an easy thing to condemn it without considering it fully from all angles," she said.

From another quarter came the view of the Assistant Manager of Auckland Savings Bank, Mr M. J. McLean, who recently returned from a three months' visit to the United States. He said that for the first time he had realised that hire purchase agreements on certain articles were a form of thrift—and thrift was practised in America to a very great degree.

RIDICULED

Mr Corner said that a leading American banker had told him that hire purchase was "an important weapon for the country's stability." Indeed, Mr Corner said, he had found that the American worker, because his house, car, washing machine and refrigerator were all bought on time payment, thought twice about going out of employment.

Wellington retailers operating hire purchase schemes have ridiculed Dame Hilda's criticisms. None who were asked have experienced over-indulgence by their customers, though all warned that hard-ship could occur if there was overcommitment. Most firms agreed that the system was not being abused and that it was a useful form of consumer saving.

Towards the end of last year and early this year a Royal Commission on monetary banking and credit system heard evidence on the effect that the hire purchase system had on the economy of the country.

One of the main features in the Commission's report was that in New Zealand there were no satisfactory statistics available on any section of hire purchase trading.

The Commission said that in the absence of such information it was impossible to determine the extent of the trading. A factor which had to be taken into consideration in weighing the inflationary effect of hire purchase was that part of the fall in savings had been replaced by mortgage payments and repayments under hire purchase agreements.

"In other words," the Commission observed, "instead of saving to spend, people have undertaken contractual obligations which means that the saving comes after the spending."

NEEDFUL THINGS

The Governor of the Reserve Bank, Mr E.C. Fussell, in evidence before the Commission, said that because it had some "industrial factors" hire purchase should be abandoned. It was the family mode and the young married couples mode of getting access to needful things, which they were unable to finance directly out of small incomes.

Mr Fussell also said those who entered into hire purchase agreements had to be made more conscious of their obligations to meet such obligations rather than to save—China Mail Special.

TAKEN AWAY

She alleged that today many New Zealand families are too greatly committed to hire purchase agreements. She said that she knew people who became ill and unable to work, "when the furniture for which they had half paid was taken away from them."

Young people, she said, made "a serious mistake" when they felt that they needed wall to wall carpeting, a refrigerator, a washing machine and vacuum blenders as soon as they were married.

"I know it is terrible to attack this system," Dame Hilda told the meeting, "but I have yet to be convinced that there is any happier life than by saving and paying for what you buy."

She urged young couples to do without household luxuries until they could afford to buy them outright.

Dame Hilda's statements have attracted both support and opposition.

Support came from the Secretary of Wellington Branch of the National Council of Women, Mrs M. Hayman, who described hire purchase as "a definite social evil," adding "most of us hate to think what must happen if there was an economic recession."

DIFFERENT VIEW

Mrs Hayman said that in many cases it was just "keeping up with the Joneses and many

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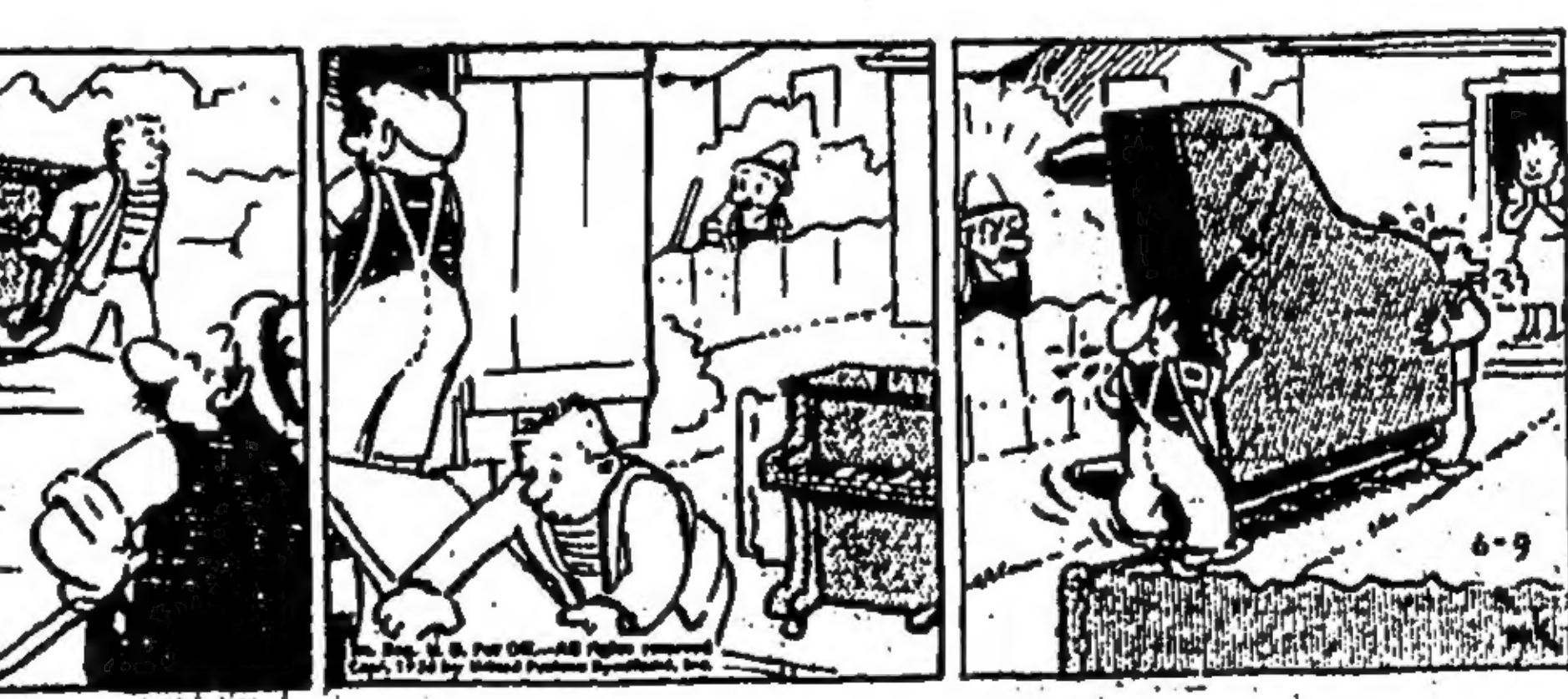
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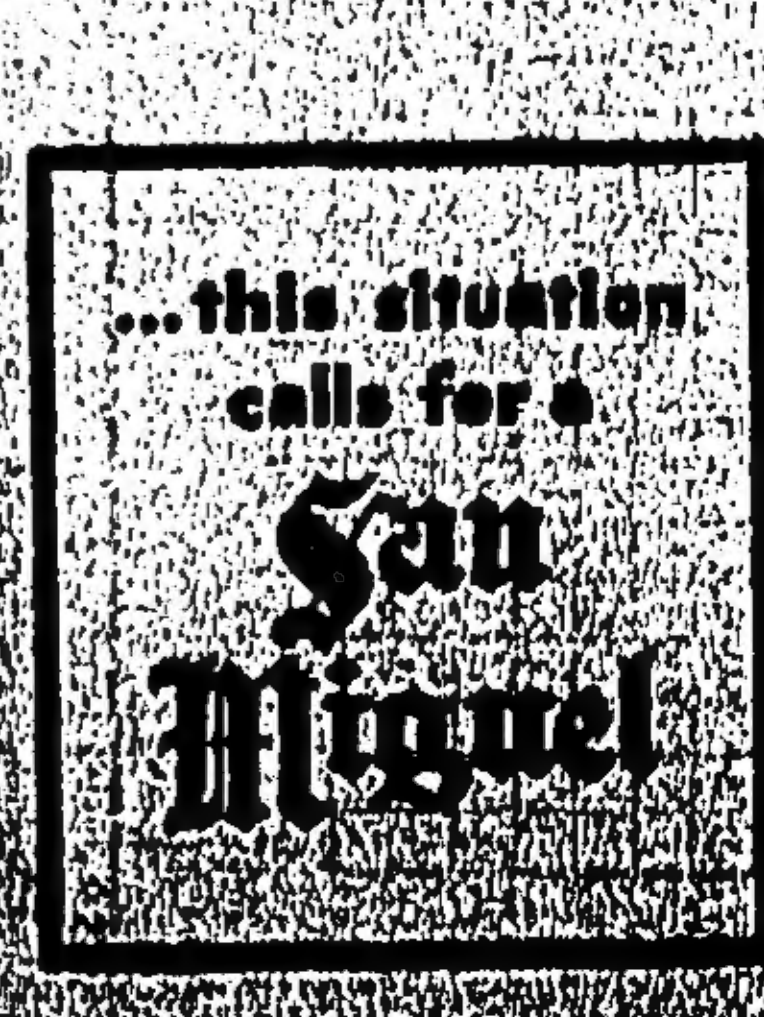
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Drunkenness Is Private Business

Vienna, Aug. 14.

Drunkenness is a private affair and accidents due to it cannot be reported for insurance and compensation purposes as being business accidents, even if they occur when a man is on duty, the Vienna Supreme Administrative Court has decided.

The court made this ruling in the case of Stefan Brezina, a businessman from whom an insurance company claimed the money it had to pay out for damage done to a lorry with which Brezina's car was in collision while on a business trip.

He paid it but charged it up to his business as a loss for the purpose, but the insurance company refused to accept this. The court, with the Vienna Supreme Administrative Court which decided against Brezina, held that the accident was not a business accident, but a private one, and that the insurance company was not liable for the damage.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

US-FORMOSA AGREEMENT

Washington, Aug. 14. The Agriculture Department today announced a trade agreement with Nationalist China whereby that country will purchase 9.8 million worth of farm commodities which include cotton, 5 million; dairy products, 1.5 million; tobacco, 1.7 million and inedible tallow, 1 million. Sales under the programme will be made by private U.S. traders. — United Press.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Aug. 14. Grain futures prices were easy to heavy at the close of trading at the Board of Trade today.

Profit-taking was the principal cause of the decline. Scattered hedge selling also entered into what to cause losses a cent and more during the day.

Export business was slower than usual. However, Australian purchases of 400,000 bushels of corn are expected. The grain will be shipped during the first half of September from Gulf ports.

Denmark also entered the export market for 150,000 bushels of U.S. soybeans for December shipment.

Egypt postponed a scheduled purchase of 4,000,000 bushels of wheat and 200,000 tons of flour. It is reported, however, that the deal will be completed on August 18.

Wheat closed off to 1 to 2 1/2 cents, soybeans off 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents.

Wheat, No. 2, red

Spot	210 1/2-211 1/2
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Jul	210 1/2-211 1/2

Corn, No. 2, yellow

Spot	109 1/2
Sept	109 1/2
Oct	109 1/2
Nov	109 1/2
Dec	109 1/2
Jan	109 1/2
Feb	109 1/2
Mar	109 1/2
Apr	109 1/2
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Jul	109 1/2

Rye

Spot	140 1/2
Sept	140 1/2
Oct	140 1/2
Nov	140 1/2
Dec	140 1/2
Jan	140 1/2
Feb	140 1/2
Mar	140 1/2
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Oats

Spot	74 1/2-75 1/2
Sept	74 1/2-75 1/2
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Soybeans, No. 2, yellow

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Spot	130-140 1/2
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New York flour, 200 lb sack

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WINNIPEG GRAIN PRICES

Winnipeg, Aug. 14. Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:

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Oct	82 1/2
Nov	79 1/2
Dec	79 1/2
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Feb	79 1/2
Mar	79 1/2
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Rye

Oct	128 1/2
Nov	125 1/2
Dec	125 1/2
Jan	125 1/2
Feb	125 1/2
Mar	125 1/2
Apr	125 1/2
May	125 1/2
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Barley

Oct	107 1/2
Nov	103 1/2
Dec	103 1/2
Jan	103 1/2
Feb	103 1/2
Mar	103 1/2
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Flaxseed

Oct	330 1/2
Nov	320 1/2
Dec	320 1/2
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Wheat, No. 3, 101 cents

Oct	101 1/2
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Wheat, No. 5, 140 cents—United Press.

Tight Credit Restrictions Effective In Germany

Frankfurt, Aug. 14.

The Bank Deutscher Laender said that its tight credit policy had been increasingly effective in the past few months and expansion of demand in many West German markets was slowing down. But, said the Bank, it was necessary to maintain credit restrictions because West Germany's general economic was still extremely unstable.

Economic stability might be endangered if the growth of West Germany's foreign exchange reserves continued. It was also threatened by wage increases which exceeded increases in production and were a permanent cause of price increases. The Bank said that despite the slow increase in savings deposits showed the public were to some extent nervous of last year's excessive expansion.

The Bank said West Germany's gold and foreign exchange reserves continued to rise. They increased by 715 million marks in June against

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Aug. 14. Early gains of more than \$1 a bale in cotton today were cut substantially by profit-taking and the list finished slightly on the upside.

The market rose sharply at the outset of an extension of yesterday's short covering movement with hedging and profit-taking readily absorbed. Most 1957 contracts hit new seasonal highs.

A reaction started late in the morning and prices drifted from their highs as mill price fixing apparently was satisfied.

The early covering movement reflected in part the failure of hedging to develop in volume expected at this time. Low certificated cotton stocks also was a supporting factor for nearby October.

At the close, the list ruled 5 to 9 points higher. The market opened one to 11 higher. New Orleans closed two lower to one higher.

Certificated stocks 4,462 bales unchanged.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Winning System

GEORGE is a betting man and like most such he has a system. He has great faith in his system, and fortunately for the preservation of that faith, not the means to put it too often to the test. For to play the system George needs to possess a £1 note and the leisure in which to put it to work for him.

He sometimes has leisure for his work as a kitchen porter in a free and easy casual kind. He occasionally has £1 but it is only rarely that he has the two together. The other night, he did.

ON HIS WAY UP

GEORGE set off for his favourite dog-track, and arrived there, began to operate his system. He betted on the dog running out of traps about numbers appeared on the evening. By the end of the evening he knew that number back-wards, and had won more than £1.

When George got back, that night, to the hotel where he lived, he felt that fortune at last was beginning to regard him with some favour. He undressed, took off his trousers, put them under his mattress to press them as became a man who was on the way in the world, and into one of their pockets, put the lucky £1 note and the others he had gathered in.

THE NEXT BED

WHEN he came to look for his money in the morning, it was gone.

George called for the hotel porter. The porter called for the police. A detective came round and George told him the story. "I see," the detective said, and turned to a youth who was sleeping late in the bed next to George's. He shook the youth awake. "I thought you might like me to search you," the detective said. "Just to prove you're nothing to do with a theft."

The youth, whose name was Edward, said, "I might as well tell you that I happen to have £6 odd in my pockets."

RECOGNITION

"WHERE did you get it?" the officer asked, for in such words £6 odd rates a man in the upper class.

"It just came. Mind you, that old geezer next door told me this morning, earlier, meaning something about money."

"Let's see your money," the detective said.

Edward produced the tired notes, the detective thumbed

through them, George looked on.

Suddenly George cried out: "That's it, that's the lucky one, that's the £1 note that won me all the money. I'd know it in a million."

THE SNAG

HE said the same thing to Sir Laurence Banne, the chief magistrate, a little later in the morning, when Edward had pleaded not guilty to stealing the money.

"I'd know that note anywhere," said George, "and that halfpenny he had, too, that's mine. You see there's a sort of dip in the middle of it. I've had that halfpenny for months."

"Why should I want to steal, when I'm working?" demanded Edward. "I been working down at the bar at Battersea."

But the case was found proved against him, and when his record was read out, the eight previous convictions against him, Sir Laurence sent him to Sessions for sentence.

He went away looking glum enough, but no glummer than George. For Sir Laurence's last words on the matter were instructions to the officer in charge of the case. "The money involved must be held," he said, "until it is known whether there will be an appeal."

"That," George began, "He was shown out before he could protest further, and left the court without a penny to his name, or even a halfpenny with a sort of dip in the middle."

TYPHOON BABS HITS N. LUZON

Manda, Aug. 15. Typhoon Babs flooded several areas in Northern and Central Luzon yesterday as she raged in the vicinity of Baco, capital of Ibalaya Island, northernmost tip of Luzon, with 100-mile per hour centre winds.

The Weather Bureau located Babs last night about 210 miles east-north-east of Baco, crawling west north-west at seven miles per hour toward Formosa.

France-Press.

Major Salem Is "Reproached"

Cairo, Aug. 15. Egypt has "reproached" former Minister of National Guidance Salah Salem for saying the Suez Canal would be blown up if Egypt is invaded, informed sources said here tonight.

Salem made the statement in London when he arrived there to cover the Suez conference for his newspaper, Al-Shaab—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The only boys around that fishing resort where we went last year were two Indians—do you want your daughter to be a squaw?"

DRIVER FINED \$500

Z. Salomon was fined \$500 with the alternative of 28 days in prison, and had his licence endorsed at Kowloon Court this morning, where he was found guilty of driving without due care and attention.

The case was heard by Mr. I. T. Morris. Salomon of 60 Granville Road, Kowloon, was defended by Mr. Peter Mo. Sub-Inspector Sackell prosecuted.

The prosecution arose out of a traffic accident at five minutes past midnight on March 25 opposite the Canavan Hotel, at the junction of Canavan Road and Cornwall Avenue. A pedestrian was knocked down and sustained serious injuries.

Sub-Inspector Sackell said that the vehicle involved was a HK Government car. Enquiry revealed that Salomon was in charge of the vehicle at the time of the accident.

DENIES ACCIDENT

Salomon admitted that he was in charge of the vehicle, but denied the accident and claimed that he was elsewhere at the time when it occurred.

Mr. Morris said that the prosecution had made a clear statement when it had since been able to prove. He continued: "This case upon him (the defendant) the onus of accounting for his movements between 11.45 p.m. and five minutes past midnight on the night of March 24th-25th. He has not done this in a satisfactory manner and indeed in my view has not told the truth. And this entitles the court to disbelieve the whole story as to his movements."

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 6.55. Lucky Dip. 7.00. Request presented by Margherita. 7.10. Eastern Music for Western Eyes. Japanese Folk Songs sung by Kouta Katsurao and Masao Suzuki. 7.30. "Time for Jazz" with Robin Day. 7.50. Western Report. 8.00. Time Signal and the News. 8.05. Commentary or Stop Press Item. 8.15 (app.). Evening Star—A Short Story by George. 8.30. The Light and the Dark. 8.45. Camarata and his Orchestra. 9.00. Wednesday Theatre. "Hunt Royal"—A Comedy of Very High Life by Helena Wood. Produced by Maureen O. Webster (H.K.T.). 10. Boulevard Cafe. 10.30. Alfred Newman and his Orchestra. 10.50. Western Report. 11. Time Signal. Radio News Reel. 11.15. Goodnight Music. 11.30. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune. 3. Wednesday Concert—"I Palpaté" Op. 13 (Paganini). "Bona" Op. 40. No. 2 (Clementi). Variations on an Original Theme. Op. 36—the "Engene" (Elgar). 4. Romances of the World—Lady Hamilton. 4.15. Tea for Two. 4.30. Strictly Instrumental. 5. Children's Corner. Conducted by Aurilio Parnelli. 5.30. Wednesday Requests—Presented by Betty. 6.25. Selwyn Lloyd. P.C. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs speaking on the London Conference on the Suez Canal. 6.30. The News. 6.50. Weather Report. Announcements and Interviews. 7.15. The Right Hon. Selwyn Lloyd. P.C. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs speaking on the London Conference on the Suez Canal. 7.20. Around Hongkong—Rediffusion takes listeners on a word-picture tour of the South China Sea. 7.30. Top Hat. White Tie and Tails. 10. Time from Here. 10.30. Music from the Champagne Room. 11. J. J. Turnall and Jack. 11.30. Prelude to Midnight. 11.45. Goodnight Music. 11.50. Close Down.

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15
By Air
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 7 a.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Germany, France, Great Britain, 10 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Indo-China, 11 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
China, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., C. & S. America, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Philippines, 11 a.m.
Malaya, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 1 p.m.
Germany, (Parcels direct), Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16
By Air
Thailand, Ceylon, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
Germany, 10 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
Malaya, India, 11 a.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
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Japan, 6 p.m.
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HE COULDN'T AGREE MORE

San Francisco, Aug. 14. Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall said he agreed wholeheartedly with former President Harry S. Truman's statement today that Adlai Stevenson could not win the election even if he should receive the Democratic nomination.

Hall said, "This is one of the few times I've been in complete accord with Mr. Truman. He could say the same thing about any Democratic candidate."

DISASTROUS FLOODS

Tokyo, Aug. 15. More than 200,000 people in 400 villages in Hellungkang province have been made homeless by floodwaters of Sungari River, Radio Peking said today. The broadcast said 50,000 hectares of farmland were inundated.

Harbin faced imminent danger of flood, it said, as more than 100,000 men and women battled to reinforce the Sungari's dykes against the "highest flood wave in its history."—United Press.

Conspiracy Case

Documents Not Evidence Says Defence Counsel

Legal submissions on the admissibility of certain documents as evidence were put forward by Mr. Patrick Yu, Counsel for first accused, at the conspiracy and corruption trial this morning at the Victoria District Court.

The accused are Chau Chung-sang, 38, managing partner of Shun Hing Construction Co., Major Donald Peachey, 47, and Capt. Harry Cuts, 46, both of the Royal Engineers.

Yesterday, Mr. Yu had objected to the production, as evidence, of documents seized by Chief Inspector W. Apps at the offices of the Shun Hing firm, on the ground that the search warrant was bad.

Today, Mr. Yu submitted that any evidence directly obtained as a result of illegal means was inadmissible.

Dealing with law authorities, he said that assuming the evidence in question was adduced by trick then the Court should disregard it. Consequently, the Court should concern itself as to how any piece of evidence before the Court had been obtained.

ILLEGAL SEARCH

Mr. Yu submitted that if the Police entry into a house was illegal because of a bad warrant, the search was illegal and the documents subsequently seized were done so illegally.

Quoting from authorities at length, Mr. Yu said the Court could exercise its discretion whether to hold documents so seized as admissible or not.

He submitted that a "wide and indefinite search for written documents" by the Police was illegal. "This could be applied to the search in the present case."

MUST BE SPECIFIC

A search warrant, Mr. Yu stated, should be specific as to the purposes of the search. In the present case, no specific documents were mentioned, there were any limitations laid down in the warrant.

Various documents in the house "ranging from books to toilet paper" could thus have been seized by the Police.

It was subsequent to the seizure of documents that certain charges were brought against the accused, Counsel continued.

Hearing is proceeding.

DESERTERS ARRESTED

Algiers, Aug. 14. French police have arrested two Austrian deserters from the French Foreign Legion who worked with Algerian rebels and managed to obtain important documents by posing as foreign correspondents, officials said today.

The two men, whose names were withheld, were picked up on Sunday at Oued Mallou, just outside Oran.

They both came originally from Vienna.

Police are investigating how far they co-operated with the rebels and the extent of the damage to security by their having obtained what they described as "a series of important documents."

Meanwhile, police struck at a terrorist cell at Bida and pulled in its leader, school teacher Mousoul Mohamed and his five accomplices.

The cell was responsible for the cutting of many telephone wires and arson attacks, police said.

Here in Algiers this morning rebels opened machine gun fire on a car in the Beccourt area and wounded a European woman.

Last night French military authorities announced they had recovered 253 stolen weapons during the past three weeks in the Aures mountains. Among them were three light machine guns.—United Press.

Civic Assn And The New Rents Bill

If the legislation permitting increases in standard rents and a measure of decontrol is not withdrawn, or if it should receive a second reading in substantially the form it now takes, the Civic Association may consider drawing up a petition to Her Majesty the Queen.

This was stated by a Civic Association spokesman this morning, who added that the Association would also seek the support of all organised bodies in Hongkong for the petition which would request repeal of the Bill.

Asked whether the Civic Association would invite the Reform Club to join in the petition, the spokesman replied that the issue was one above party politics and the Reform Club and all other organisations would be welcome to participate with the Civic Association in the submission of the petition.

The spokesman also disclosed that he understood unofficial members of Legislative Council would be meeting some time this week to discuss, among other things, the Civic Association's letter to them requesting them to press for the withdrawal of the Bill to increase controlled rents and to decontrol premises.

Reaction To The Gafni Recital

SUPERLATIVES ALL ROUND!

For many years a controversy has waged over the relative merits of those two fabulous tenors Caruso and Gigli. Unfortunately for most of us Caruso is only a recorded voice and although modern recording techniques have enabled these recordings to be restored so that they are as near as possible to the original, removal of unwanted noise necessarily means that something of the voice is also lost.

Last night most of us heard for the first time a new tenor, Miklos Gafni, and with him the beginnings of a new controversy. Gafni has been called "the greatest tenor since Gigli" and no one who has heard him can deny this; further we are in the fortunate position of being able to compare these two singers directly. Gafni is an American who was born in Hungary and has a magnificent, rich, lush voice which reveals his Italian training.

In the interval, the controversy started, and we were all compelled to compare Gafni with Gigli. In vocal quality and power he at least equals Gigli. Many of his mannerisms reminded us so much of Gigli; in particular, when he turned his back on the audience to sing to the students sitting on the stage behind him.

Yet I felt that Gafni has not quite acquired the turn of phrase and the final polish of the master. Gafni is very young, only 32, and the difference between him and say, Gigli, is so small that I am confident that in a year or two he will have succeeded in convincing even the bitterest critics and staunchest supporters of the earlier singers.

The recital last night was at the Loke Yew Hall of the University and was sponsored by the Musical Society of Hongkong. Mr. Gafni gave a delightfully varied programme containing several old favourites from the operatic stage. The hall was packed and the demand has been so great that an additional concert has had to be arranged for Monday. This is to be made up of requests from the public which should be sent in writing, as soon as possible, to the Musical Society.

LOCAL ACCOMPANIST
A great honour was paid to our local musicians when Mr. Gafni chose not to bring his own accompanist but to use one of our own pianists, Moya Rea. The decision was well justified. I have praised Moya Rea's accompaniment before, and for last night she deserves renewed and ever higher praise. It is a great strain and tremendous responsibility to accompany such a great singer. Moya Rea bore this responsibility without any signs of the strain.

Our Musical Society is now established and has shown its worth in so many ways. Last night's recital was superb example of what we have come to expect from them.

So it is a case of superlatives all round. Firstly of course for Miklos Gafni, surely the greatest operatic tenor in the world today. Mr. Gafni has been invited to sing in "Aida" in the opening production of next summer's season at Verona; this is perhaps one of the highest recognitions which could be paid to him.

Superlatives also for Moya Rea and the Musical Society and, last but not least, to Dr. Ride, the Vice-Chancellor of the University for releasing the Loke Yew Hall specially for this occasion and for the extra concert on Monday.—R. A. BONES.

Black Bear For Botanic Gardens

A half-grown Asiatic black bear was presented to the Botanic Gardens by the Tun Mui School in Lockhart Road, this morning.

Mr. R. E. Dean, Superintendent of Gardens, went to the School to accept the one-year-old female bear.

It was Mr. Roger Woo, Director of the School, who suggested sending the bear to the Botanic Gardens.

She was born in Kwangsi, and soon afterwards was sent to Mr. Mok Kim-po, Principal of the School, as a present. From that time she has been fed by Fung Kuen, who looks after all the birds and animals for the school.

The bear has three meals daily, her diet consisting of milk and bread, meat and rice. In addition to the three regular meals, she is given fruit or honey before going to sleep.

Mr. Dean said that when the bear was fully-grown her weight would be approximately 200 pounds.

RECEIVING ORDER

A receiving order was made against Cheng Kwong-shun, trading as Cheng Kwong Kee of 20 Chung Lok Street, Kowloon, by Mr. Justice J. Reynolds in the Bankruptcy Court this morning.

The petition was made by one of the creditors, Borneo Sumatra Trading Co., of Gloucester Building. Their assistant manager, T. P. Van Amervoort, testified that in May the debtor was indebted to his firm for \$4,084.60 for goods sold.

On July 30 he attended a meeting of creditors where the debtor announced that he had suspended payment of his debts and gave a list of his assets as \$69,751.30 and liabilities as \$241,770.52.

The debtor admitted his debts to the Court.

The petitioning creditor was represented by Mr. M. E. Ives of P. M. and Co.

Mr. C. M. Stevens, who appeared for the Official Receiver, approved the petition.

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